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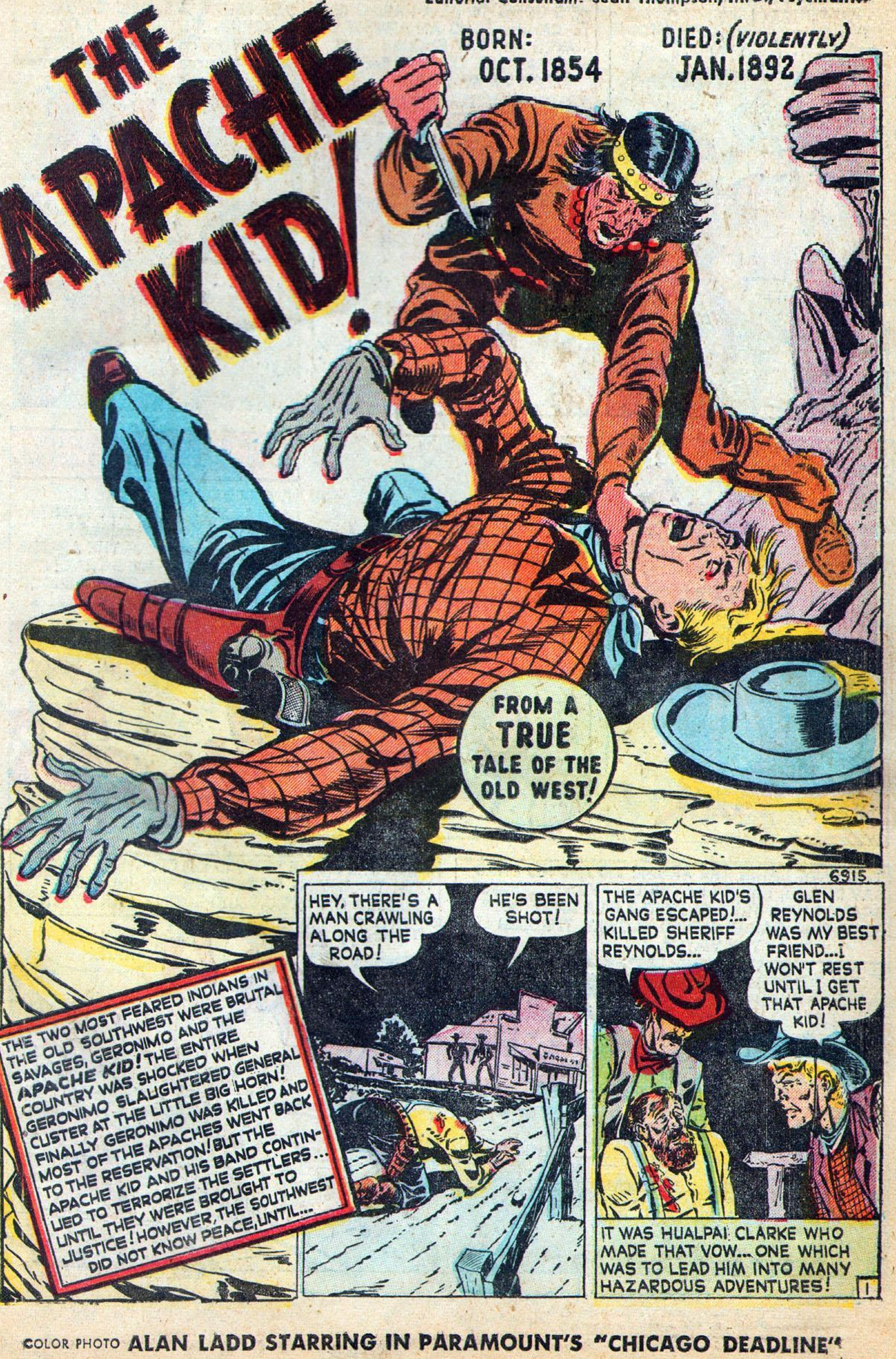
THE APACHE KID!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FROM A TRUE TALE OF THE OLD WEST!
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THE TWO MOST FEARED INDIANS IN THE OLD SOUTHWEST WERE BRUTAL SAVAGES, GERONIMO AND THE APACHE KID! THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS SHOCKED WHEN GERONIMO SLAUGHTERED GENERAL CUSTER AT THE LITTLE BIG HORN! FINALLY GERONIMO WAS KILLED AND MOST OF THE APACHES WENT BACK TO THE RESERVATION! BUT THE APACHE KID AND HIS BAND CONTINUED TO TERRORIZE THE SETTLERS... UNTIL THEY WERE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE! HOWEVER, THE SOUTHWEST DID NOT KNOW PEACE, UNTIL...
HEY, THERE'S A MAN CRAWLING ALONG THE ROAD!
HE'S BEEN SHOT!
THE APACHE KID'S GANG ESCAPED!... KILLED SHERIFF REYNOLDS...
GLEN REYNOLDS WAS MY BEST FRIEND...I WON'T REST UNTIL I GET THAT APACHE KID!
IT WAS HUALPAI CLARKE WHO MADE THAT VOW... ONE WHICH WAS TO LEAD HIM INTO MANY HAZARDOUS ADVENTURES!
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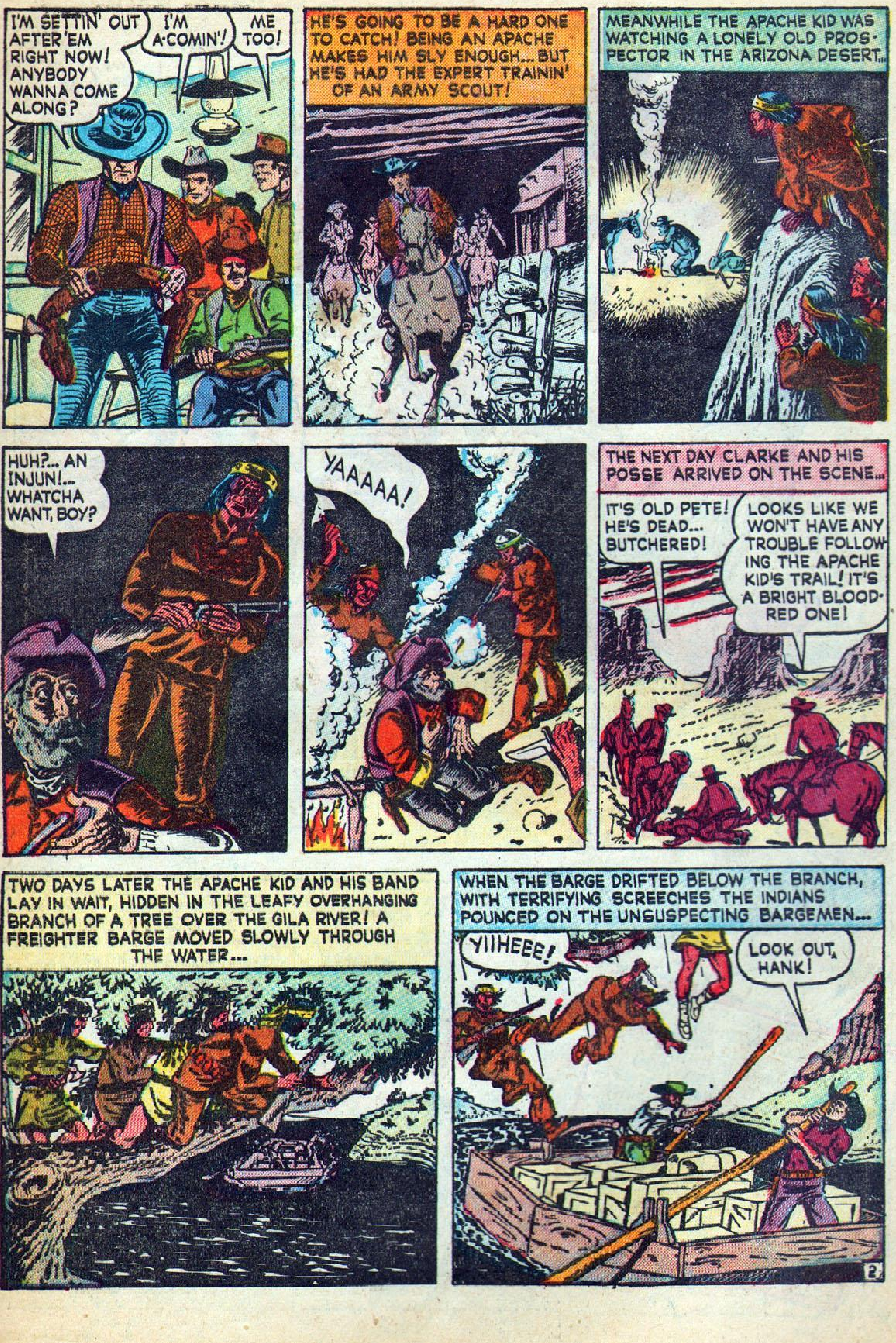
I'M SETTIN' OUT AFTER 'EM RIGHT NOW! ANYBODY WANNA COME ALONG?
I'M A-COMIN'!
ME TOO!
HE'S GOING TO BE A HARD ONE TO CATCH! BEING AN APACHE MAKES HIM SLY ENOUGH... BUT HE'S HAD THE EXPERT TRAININ' OF AN ARMY SCOUT!
MEANWHILE THE APACHE KID WAS WATCHING A LONELY OLD PROSPECTOR IN THE ARIZONA DESERT...
HUH?... AN INJUN!... WHATCHA WANT, BOY?
YAAAAAA!
THE NEXT DAY CLARKE AND HIS POSSE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE...
IT'S OLD PETE! HE'S DEAD... BUTCHERED!
LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE FOLLOWING THE APACHE KID'S TRAIL! IT'S A BRIGHT BLOOD-RED ONE!
TWO DAYS LATER THE APACHE KID AND HIS BAND LAY IN WAIT, HIDDEN IN THE LEAFY OVERHANGING BRANCH OF A TREE OVER THE GILA RIVER! A FREIGHTER BARGE MOVED SLOWLY THROUGH THE WATER...
WHEN THE BARGE DRIFTED BELOW THE BRANCH, WITH TERRIFYING SCREECHES THE INDIANS POUNCED ON THE UNSUSPECTING BARGEMEN...
YIIHEEE!
LOOK OUT, HANK!
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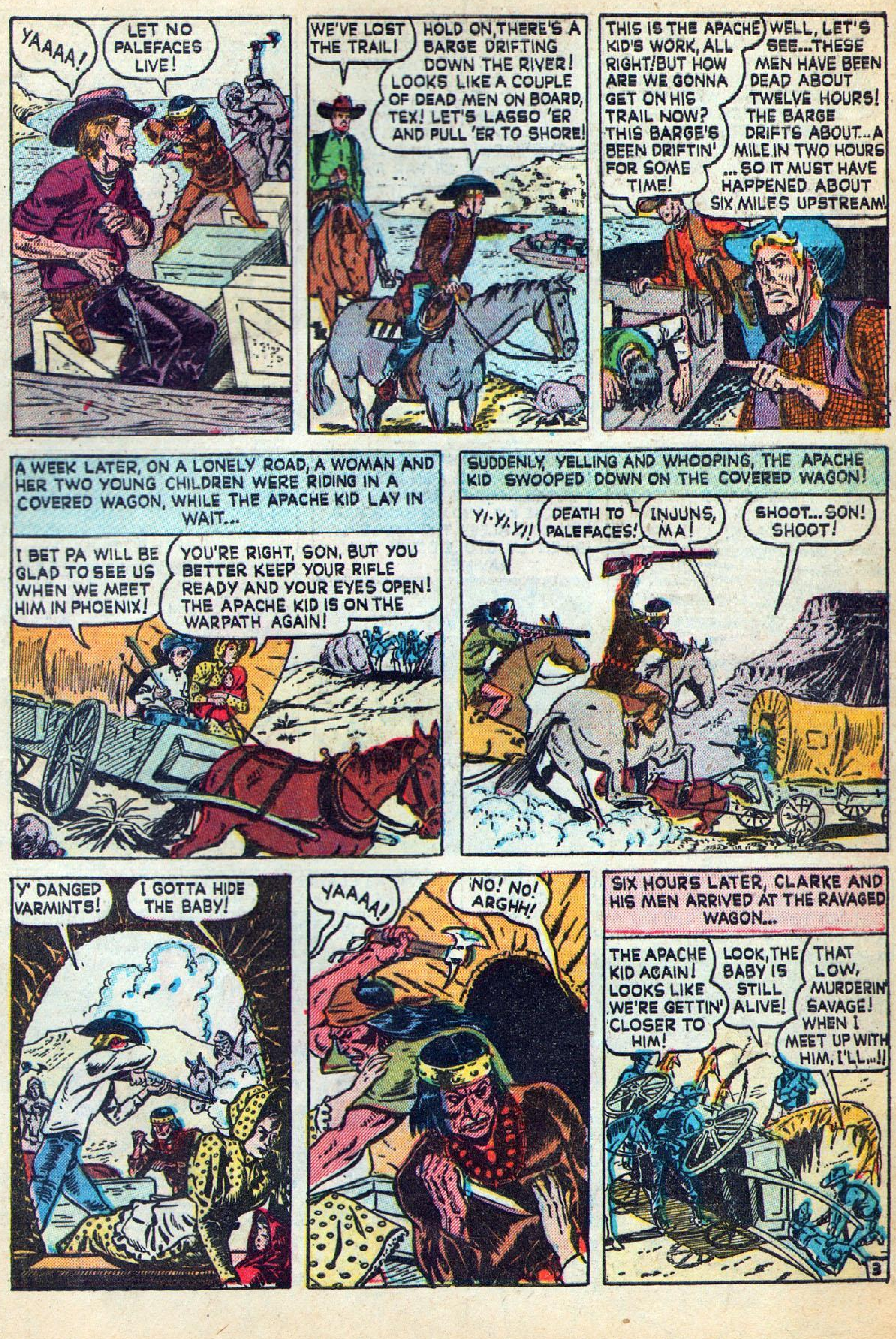
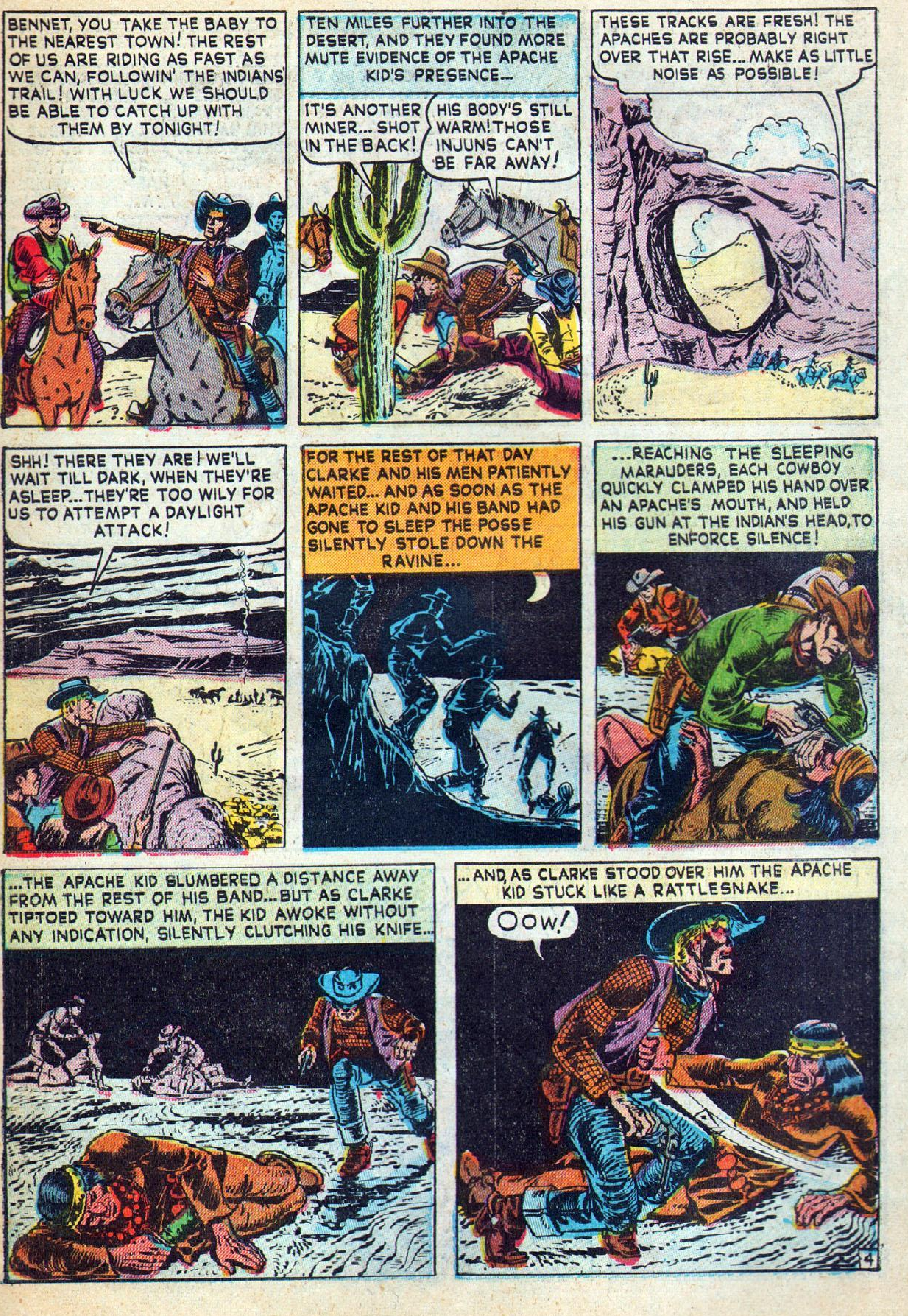
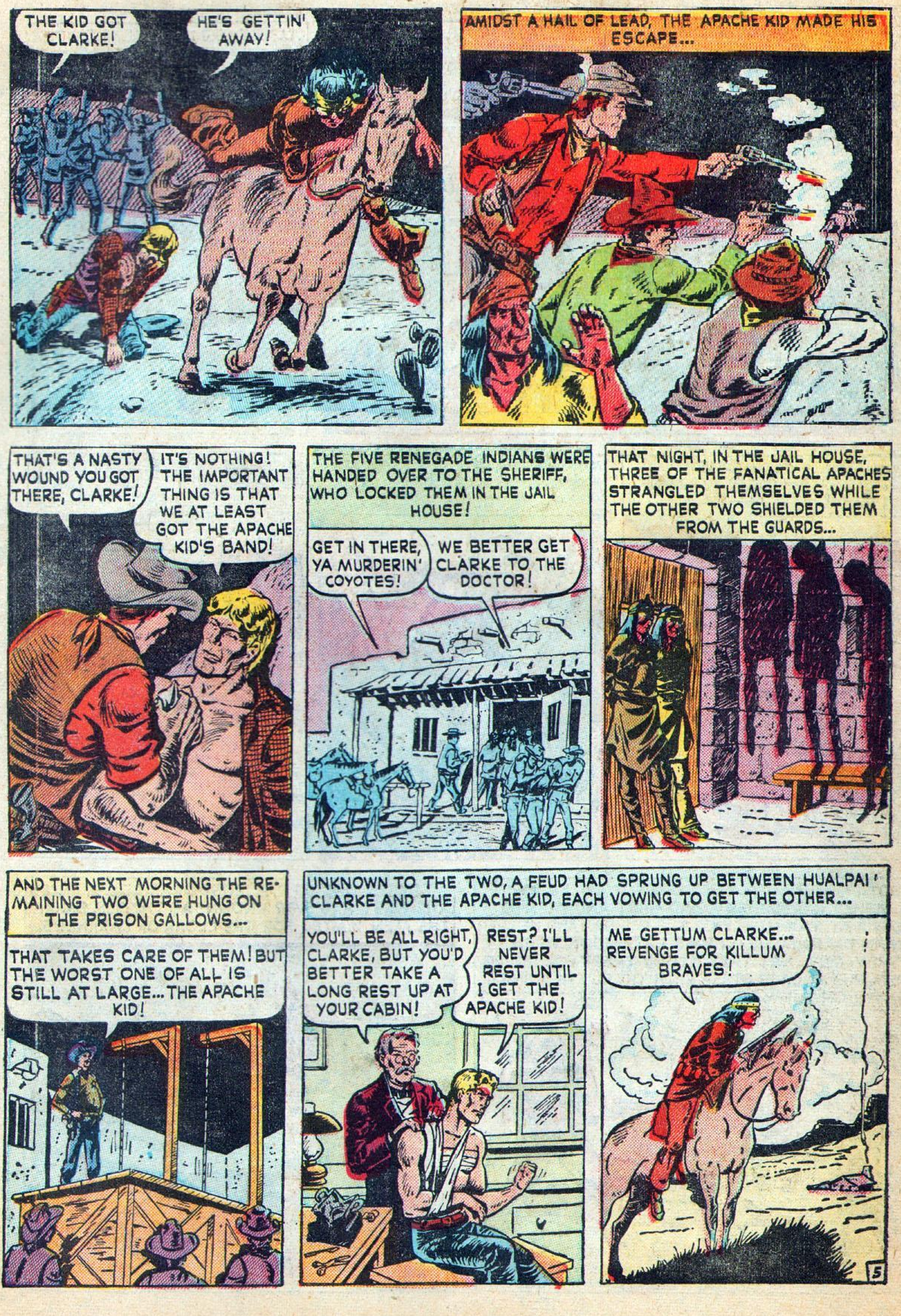
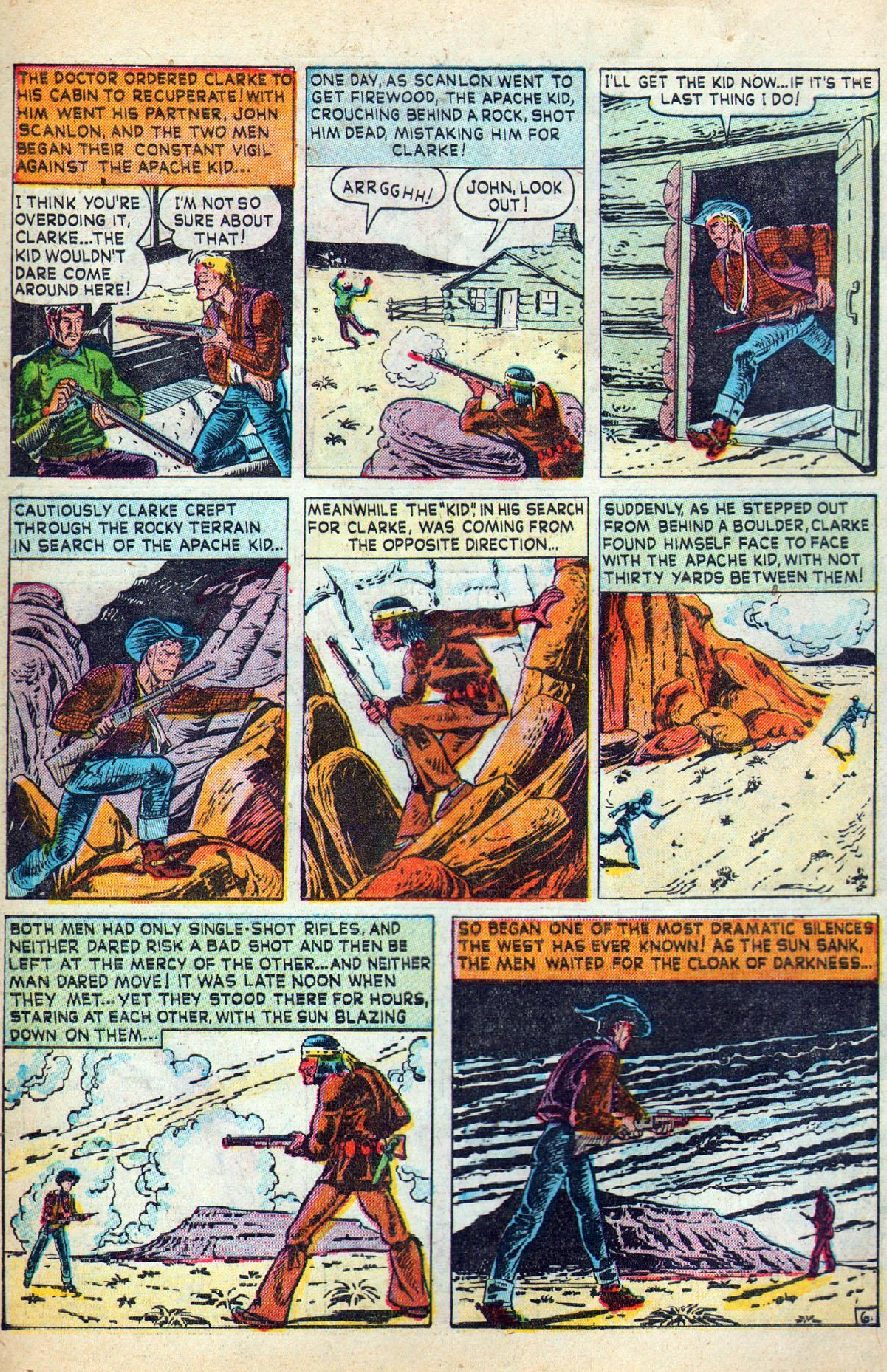
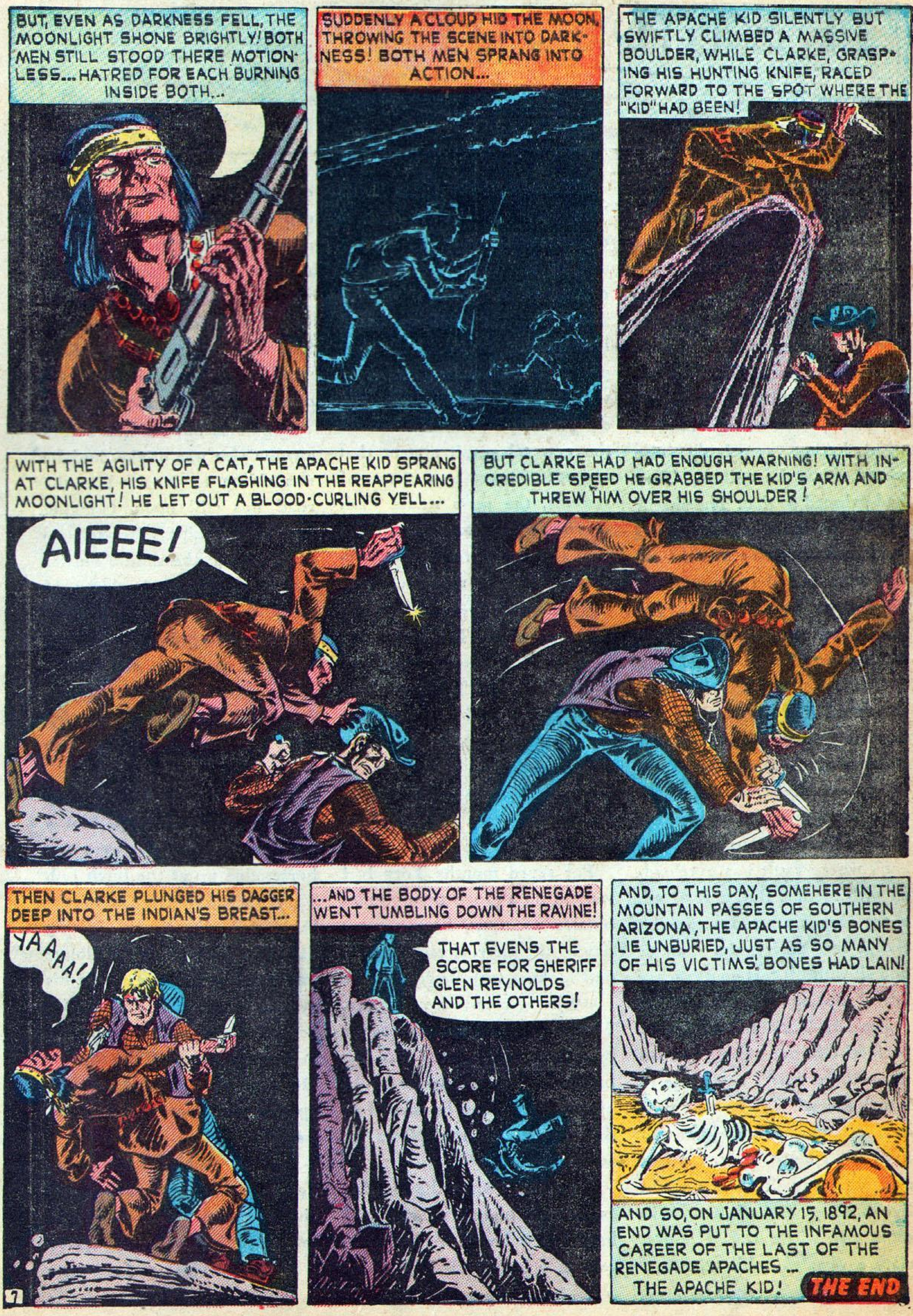

YAAAA!
LET NO PALEFACES LIVE!
WE'VE LOST THE TRAIL!
HOLD ON, THERE'S A BARGE DRIFTING DOWN THE RIVER! LOOKS LIKE A COUPLE OF DEAD MEN ON BOARD, TEX! LET'S LASSO 'ER AND PULL 'ER TO SHORE!
THIS IS THE APACHE KID'S WORK, ALL RIGHT! BUT HOW ARE WE GONNA GET ON HIS TRAIL NOW? THIS BARGE'S BEEN DRIFTIN' FOR SOME TIME!
WELL, LET'S SEE...THESE MEN HAVE BEEN DEAD ABOUT TWELVE HOURS! THE BARGE DRIFTS ABOUT...A MILE IN TWO HOURS ...SO IT MUST HAVE HAPPENED ABOUT SIX MILES UPSTREAM!
A WEEK LATER, ON A LONELY ROAD, A WOMAN AND HER TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WERE RIDING IN A COVERED WAGON, WHILE THE APACHE KID LAY IN WAIT...
I BET PA WILL BE GLAD TO SEE US WHEN WE MEET HIM IN PHOENIX!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SON, BUT YOU BETTER KEEP YOUR RIFLE READY AND YOUR EYES OPEN! THE APACHE KID IS ON THE WARPATH AGAIN!
SUDDENLY, YELLING AND WHOOPING, THE APACHE KID SWOOPED DOWN ON THE COVERED WAGON!
YI-YI-YI!
DEATH TO PALEFACES!
INJUNS, MA!
SHOOT...SON! SHOOT!
Y' DANGED VARMINTS!
I GOTTA HIDE THE BABY!
YAAAA!
NO! NO! ARGHH!
SIX HOURS LATER, CLARKE AND HIS MEN ARRIVED AT THE RAVAGED WAGON...
THE APACHE KID AGAIN! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GETTIN' CLOSER TO HIM!
LOOK, THE BABY IS STILL ALIVE!
THAT LOW, MURDERIN' SAVAGE! WHEN I MEET UP WITH HIM, I'LL...!!

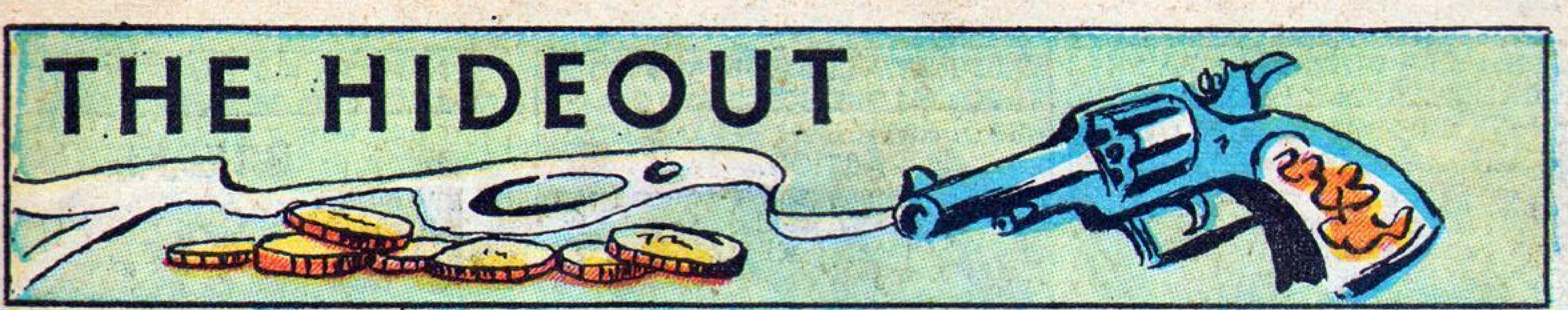

BENNET, YOU TAKE THE BABY TO THE NEAREST TOWN! THE REST OF US ARE RIDING AS FAST AS WE CAN, FOLLOWIN' THE INDIANS' TRAIL! WITH LUCK WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH THEM BY TONIGHT!
TEN MILES FURTHER INTO THE DESERT, AND THEY FOUND MORE MUTE EVIDENCE OF THE APACHE KID'S PRESENCE--
IT'S ANOTHER MINER... SHOT IN THE BACK!
HIS BODY'S STILL WARM! THOSE INJUNS CAN'T BE FAR AWAY!
THESE TRACKS ARE FRESH! THE APACHES ARE PROBABLY RIGHT OVER THAT RISE... MAKE AS LITTLE NOISE AS POSSIBLE!
SHH! THERE THEY ARE! WE'LL WAIT TILL DARK, WHEN THEY'RE ASLEEP... THEY'RE TOO WILY FOR US TO ATTEMPT A DAYLIGHT ATTACK!
FOR THE REST OF THAT DAY CLARKE AND HIS MEN PATIENTLY WAITED... AND AS SOON AS THE APACHE KID AND HIS BAND HAD GONE TO SLEEP THE POSSE SILENTLY STOLE DOWN THE RAVINE...
...REACHING THE SLEEPING MARAUDERS, EACH COWBOY QUICKLY CLAMPED HIS HAND OVER AN APACHE'S MOUTH, AND HELD HIS GUN AT THE INDIAN'S HEAD, TO ENFORCE SILENCE!
...THE APACHE KID SLUMBERED A DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE REST OF HIS BAND... BUT AS CLARKE TIPTOED TOWARD HIM, THE KID AWOKE WITHOUT ANY INDICATION, SILENTLY CLUTCHING HIS KNIFE...
...AND, AS CLARKE STOOD OVER HIM THE APACHE KID STUCK LIKE A RATTLESNAKE...
OOW!


THE KID GOT CLARKE!
HE'S GETTIN' AWAY!
AMIDST A HAIL OF LEAD, THE APACHE KID MADE HIS ESCAPE...
THAT'S A NASTY WOUND YOU GOT THERE, CLARKE!
IT'S NOTHING! THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE AT LEAST GOT THE APACHE KID'S BAND!
THE FIVE RENEGADE INDIANS WERE HANDED OVER TO THE SHERIFF, WHO LOCKED THEM IN THE JAIL HOUSE!
GET IN THERE, YA MURDERIN' COYOTES!
WE BETTER GET CLARKE TO THE DOCTOR!
THAT NIGHT, IN THE JAIL HOUSE, THREE OF THE FANATICAL APACHES STRANGLED THEMSELVES WHILE THE OTHER TWO SHIELDED THEM FROM THE GUARDS...
AND THE NEXT MORNING THE REMAINING TWO WERE HUNG ON THE PRISON GALLOWS...
THAT TAKES CARE OF THEM! BUT THE WORST ONE OF ALL IS STILL AT LARGE... THE APACHE KID!
UNKNOWN TO THE TWO, A FEUD HAD SPRUNG UP BETWEEN HUALPAI CLARKE AND THE APACHE KID, EACH VOWING TO GET THE OTHER...
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, CLARKE, BUT YOU'D BETTER TAKE A LONG REST UP AT YOUR CABIN!
REST? I'LL NEVER REST UNTIL I GET THE APACHE KID!
ME GETTUM CLARKE... REVENGE FOR KILLUM BRAVES!


THE DOCTOR ORDERED CLARKE TO HIS CABIN TO RECUPERATE! WITH HIM WENT HIS PARTNER, JOHN SCANLON, AND THE TWO MEN BEGAN THEIR CONSTANT VIGIL AGAINST THE APACHE KID...
I THINK YOU'RE OVERDOING IT, CLARKE...THE KID WOULDN'T DARE COME AROUND HERE!
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT!
ONE DAY, AS SCANLON WENT TO GET FIREWOOD, THE APACHE KID, CROUCHING BEHIND A ROCK, SHOT HIM DEAD, MISTAKING HIM FOR CLARKE!
ARRGGHH!
JOHN, LOOK OUT!
I'LL GET THE KID NOW...IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
CAUTIOUSLY CLARKE CREPT THROUGH THE ROCKY TERRAIN IN SEARCH OF THE APACHE KID...
MEANWHILE THE "KID", IN HIS SEARCH FOR CLARKE, WAS COMING FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION...
SUDDENLY, AS HE STEPPED OUT FROM BEHIND A BOULDER, CLARKE FOUND HIMSELF FACE TO FACE WITH THE APACHE KID, WITH NOT THIRTY YARDS BETWEEN THEM!
BOTH MEN HAD ONLY SINGLE-SHOT RIFLES, AND NEITHER DARED RISK A BAD SHOT AND THEN BE LEFT AT THE MERCY OF THE OTHER...AND NEITHER MAN DARED MOVE! IT WAS LATE NOON WHEN THEY MET...YET THEY STOOD THERE FOR HOURS, STARING AT EACH OTHER, WITH THE SUN BLAZING DOWN ON THEM...
SO BEGAN ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC SILENCES THE WEST HAS EVER KNOWN! AS THE SUN SANK, THE MEN WAITED FOR THE CLOAK OF DARKNESS...


BUT, EVEN AS DARKNESS FELL, THE MOONLIGHT SHONE BRIGHTLY! BOTH MEN STILL STOOD THERE MOTIONLESS... HATRED FOR EACH BURNING INSIDE BOTH...
SUDDENLY A CLOUD HID THE MOON, THROWING THE SCENE INTO DARKNESS! BOTH MEN SPRANG INTO ACTION...
THE APACHE KID SILENTLY BUT SWIFTLY CLIMBED A MASSIVE BOULDER, WHILE CLARKE, GRASPING HIS HUNTING KNIFE, RACED FORWARD TO THE SPOT WHERE THE "KID" HAD BEEN!
WITH THE AGILITY OF A CAT, THE APACHE KID SPRANG AT CLARKE, HIS KNIFE FLASHING IN THE REAPPEARING MOONLIGHT! HE LET OUT A BLOOD-CURLING YELL...
AIEEE!
BUT CLARKE HAD HAD ENOUGH WARNING! WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED HE GRABBED THE KID'S ARM AND THREW HIM OVER HIS SHOULDER!
THEN CLARKE PLUNGED HIS DAGGER DEEP INTO THE INDIAN'S BREAST...
YAAAA!
...AND THE BODY OF THE RENEGADE WENT TUMBLING DOWN THE RAVINE!
THAT EVENS THE SCORE FOR SHERIFF GLEN REYNOLDS AND THE OTHERS!
AND, TO THIS DAY, SOMEHERE IN THE MOUNTAIN PASSES OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA, THE APACHE KID'S BONES LIE UNBURIED, JUST AS SO MANY OF HIS VICTIMS' BONES HAD LAIN!
AND SO, ON JANUARY 15, 1892, AN END WAS PUT TO THE INFAMOUS CAREER OF THE LAST OF THE RENEGADE APACHES ... THE APACHE KID!
THE END

THE HIDEOUT



TORY ROAK had planned this robbery for a long time. It was born the day the posse had chased him past the nester's cabin on the mountain top and down into the rich prairie town of Roundup. The sheriff, leading the posse, hadn't bothered to go further than the mountain, contenting himself with letting somebody else worry about the outlaw. Tory had grinned at that. The sheriff played it smart . . . another hour and the posse would have had him, but the posse would have gone back minus a few men, and nobody wanted to catch a slug.

One look at Roundup had convinced Tory that here was a perfect situation. A town of indolent ranchers who had nothing to do except sit and watch their steers grow fat on the rich grass of the lowlands, plus a bank whose vault was overloaded with money. But, best of all, a fat sheriff who did nothing except fish during the summer and sit with his feet on a cracker barrel during the winter.

Perfect, Tory thought, just perfect! Oh, not a thing to rush into—there wasn't any sense in losing everything like that time in Montana. He'd just wait until his chance came, hit fast and get away. Then he could live a long life of luxury in some city where they'd appreciate a man with his talents.

Of course, there'd be a chase. The fat sheriff would have to do something to earn his keep, and by the lack of excitement evident in the town, it was his guess that the cowboys would like nothing better to do than go on a real man-hunt. That wasn't what worried him. The dangerous part was the wire of the new telegraph system that ran out of town. In a matter of seconds, the news would flash to every nearby town, and there wouldn't be a road open between Roundup and the coast.

That was where the nester's cabin came in. The guy must have been a hermit who built it up there, but Tory was glad of it. Not a soul in town knew of the place, and he could live up there until things settled down. Yep, it was a good set-up. He couldn't ask for anything better.

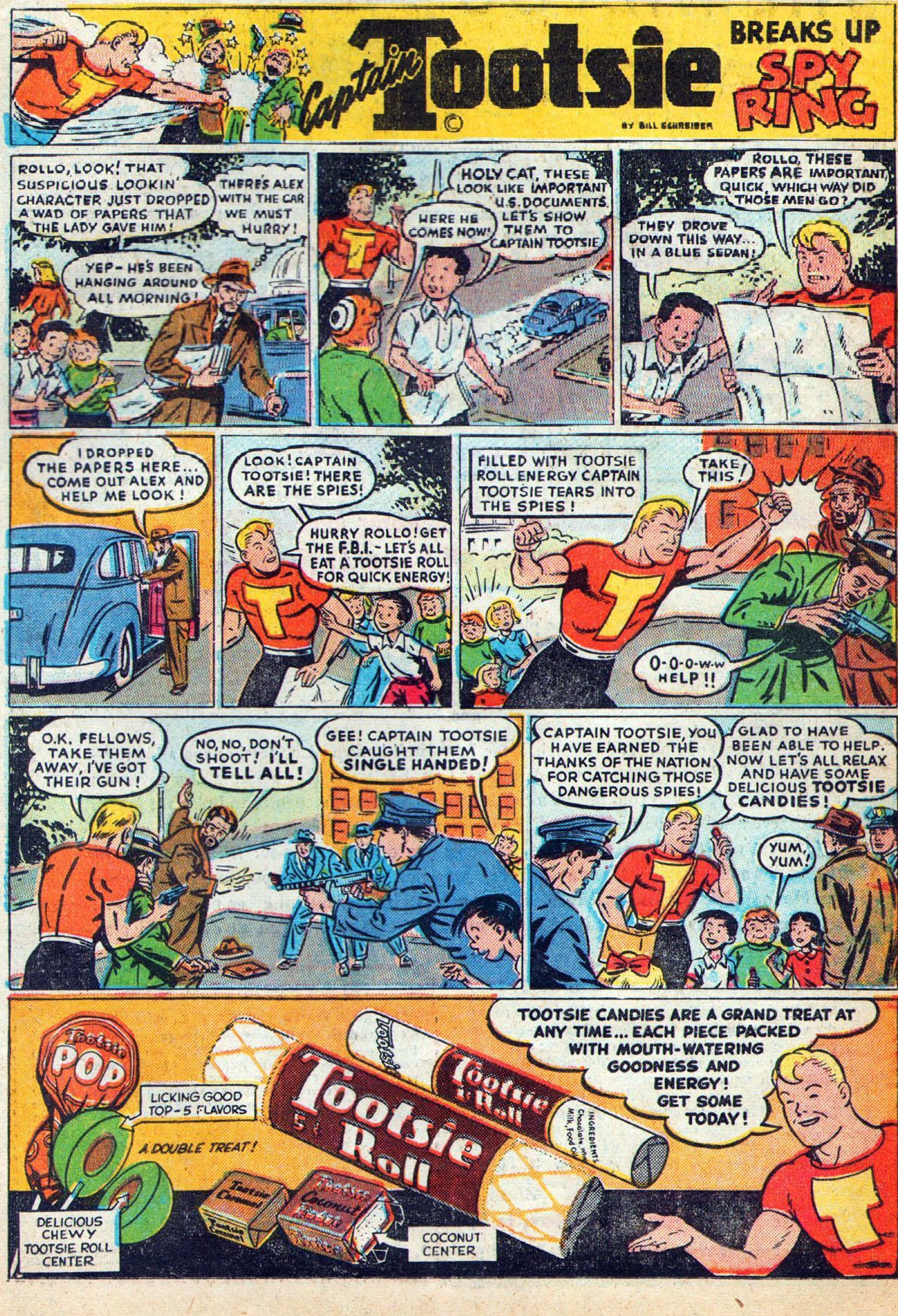
For seven months Tory had worked on a ranch twenty miles outside of town, hating every day of the dirty, tiresome work, and looking with disgust at the few bills he received on payday. The thought of the thousands of dollars in the bank was like fire inside his mind—he could picture everything he wanted to do with it, all the places he wanted to see.

Tory knew when the big day came. All night the sky had been covered with a grey overcast as a biting wind blew out of the north. Even before the sun came up, it had started to snow tiny, white flakes that held a promise of a blizzard. This was the day when everyone would be indoors enjoying a fire, when all sound would be muffled, and tracks could be covered in a matter of minutes.

His horse was saddled before anyone else was awake, and he was riding to town while the road was still open. Hanging low on his hips were his two guns, and in the saddle holster was a carbine and plenty of extra shells. Tory didn't see where he was going to use more than two shells . . . one for the cashier and one for the nester. After that, he'd throw away his guns and live like a rich man should.

The snow was inches deep when he reached town. Not a soul was in sight, nor were any horses tied up at the hitch rail. Tory walked his horse to the bank and dismounted, acting like any cowboy on legitimate business. From the corner of his eye he could see the cashier behind his cage, alone in the huge room counting the money. He went up the steps quickly, opened the door and stepped inside.

As the cashier looked up, Tory drew his gun. He didn't give the man a chance to yell for help. His finger curled around the trigger, and a tongue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ROLLO, LOOK! THAT SUSPICIOUS LOOKIN' CHARACTER JUST DROPPED A WAD OF PAPERS THAT THE LADY GAVE HIM!
THERE'S ALEX WITH THE CAR WE MUST HURRY!
YEP– HE'S BEEN HANGING AROUND ALL MORNING!
HOLY CAT, THESE LOOK LIKE IMPORTANT U.S. DOCUMENTS. LET'S SHOW THEM TO CAPTAIN TOOTSIE
HERE HE COMES NOW!
ROLLO, THESE PAPERS ARE IMPORTANT. QUICK, WHICH WAY DID THOSE MEN GO?
THEY DROVE DOWN THIS WAY... IN A BLUE SEDAN!
I DROPPED THE PAPERS HERE... COME OUT ALEX AND HELP ME LOOK!
LOOK! CAPTAIN TOOTSIE! THERE ARE THE SPIES!
HURRY ROLLO! GET THE F.B.I.– LET'S ALL EAT A TOOTSIE ROLL FOR QUICK ENERGY!
FILLED WITH TOOTSIE ROLL ENERGY CAPTAIN TOOTSIE TEARS INTO THE SPIES!
TAKE THIS!
O-O-O-W-W HELP!!
O.K. FELLOWS, TAKE THEM AWAY, I'VE GOT THEIR GUN!
NO, NO, DON'T SHOOT! I'LL TELL ALL!
GEE! CAPTAIN TOOTSIE CAUGHT THEM SINGLE HANDED!
CAPTAIN TOOTSIE, YOU HAVE EARNED THE THANKS OF THE NATION FOR CATCHING THOSE DANGEROUS SPIES!
GLAD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP. NOW LET'S ALL RELAX AND HAVE SOME DELICIOUS TOOTSIE CANDIES!
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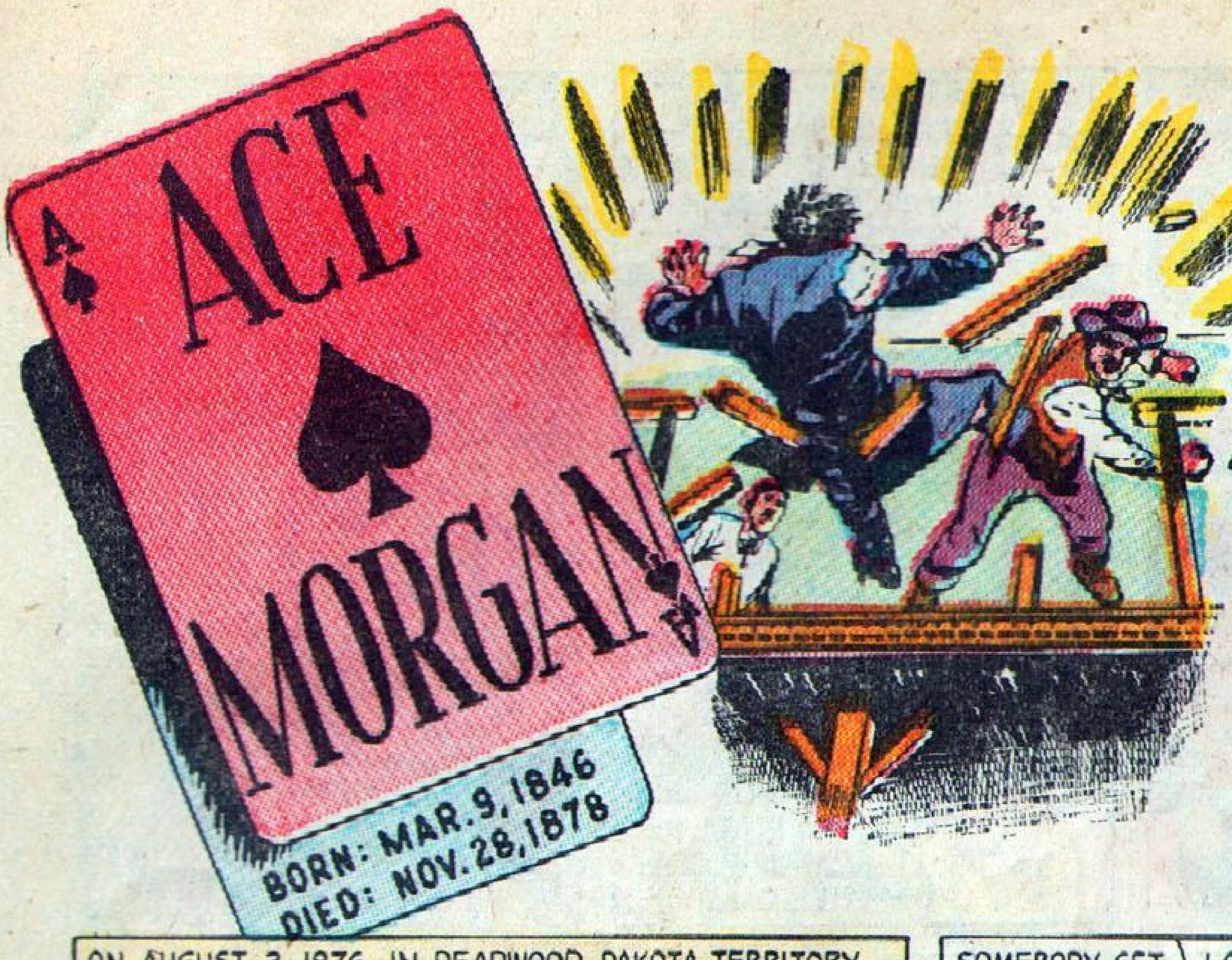
A
ACE
MORGAN
BORN: MAR. 9, 1846
DIED: NOV. 28, 1878

THE DAKOTA GAMBLER WHO THOUGHT HE HELD THE WINNING HAND, BUT LEARNED IT WAS WILD BILL HICKOK'S

DEATH HAND!

SCENE: DEADWOOD, DAKOTA TERRITORY

DATE: AUGUST 2, 1876

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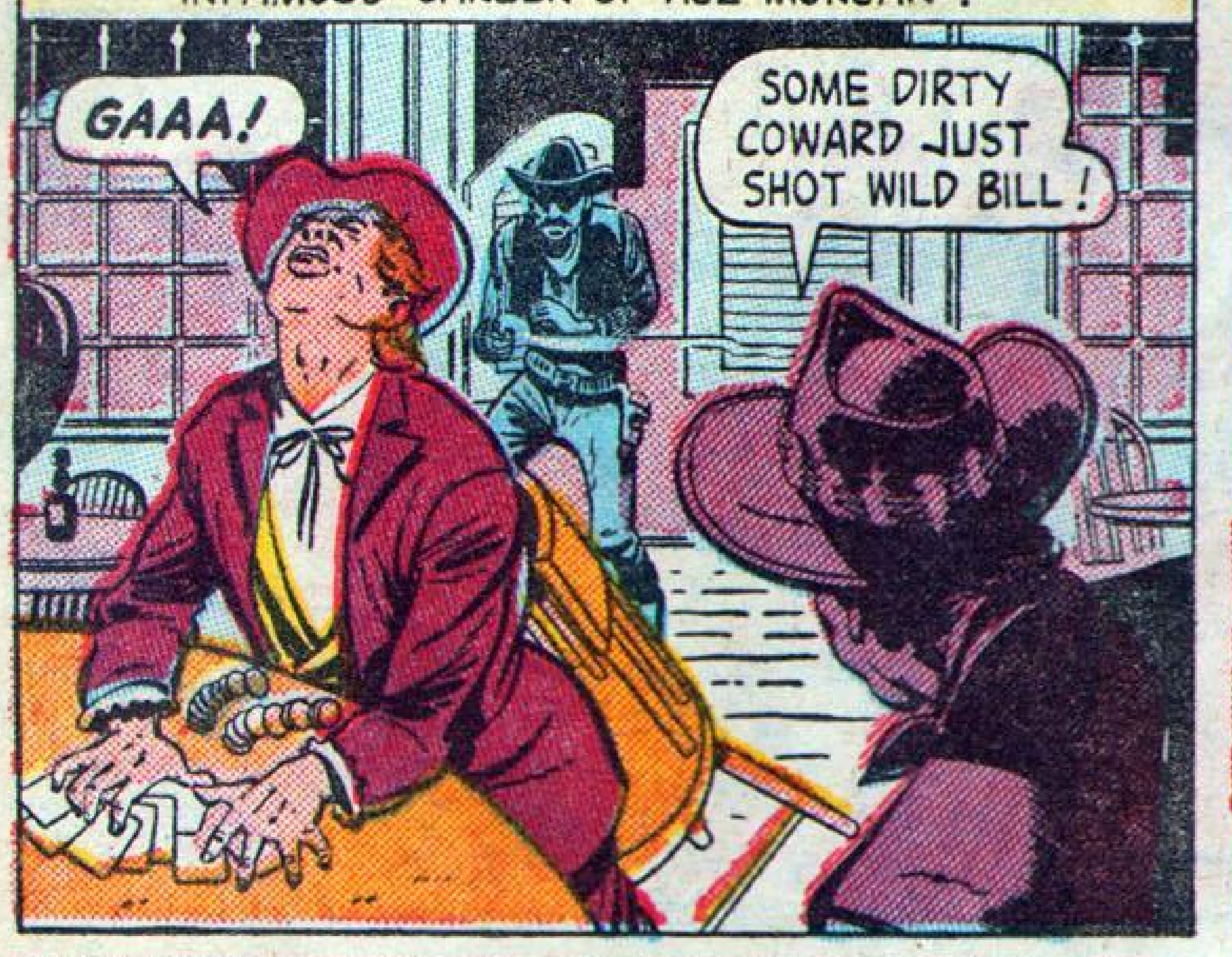
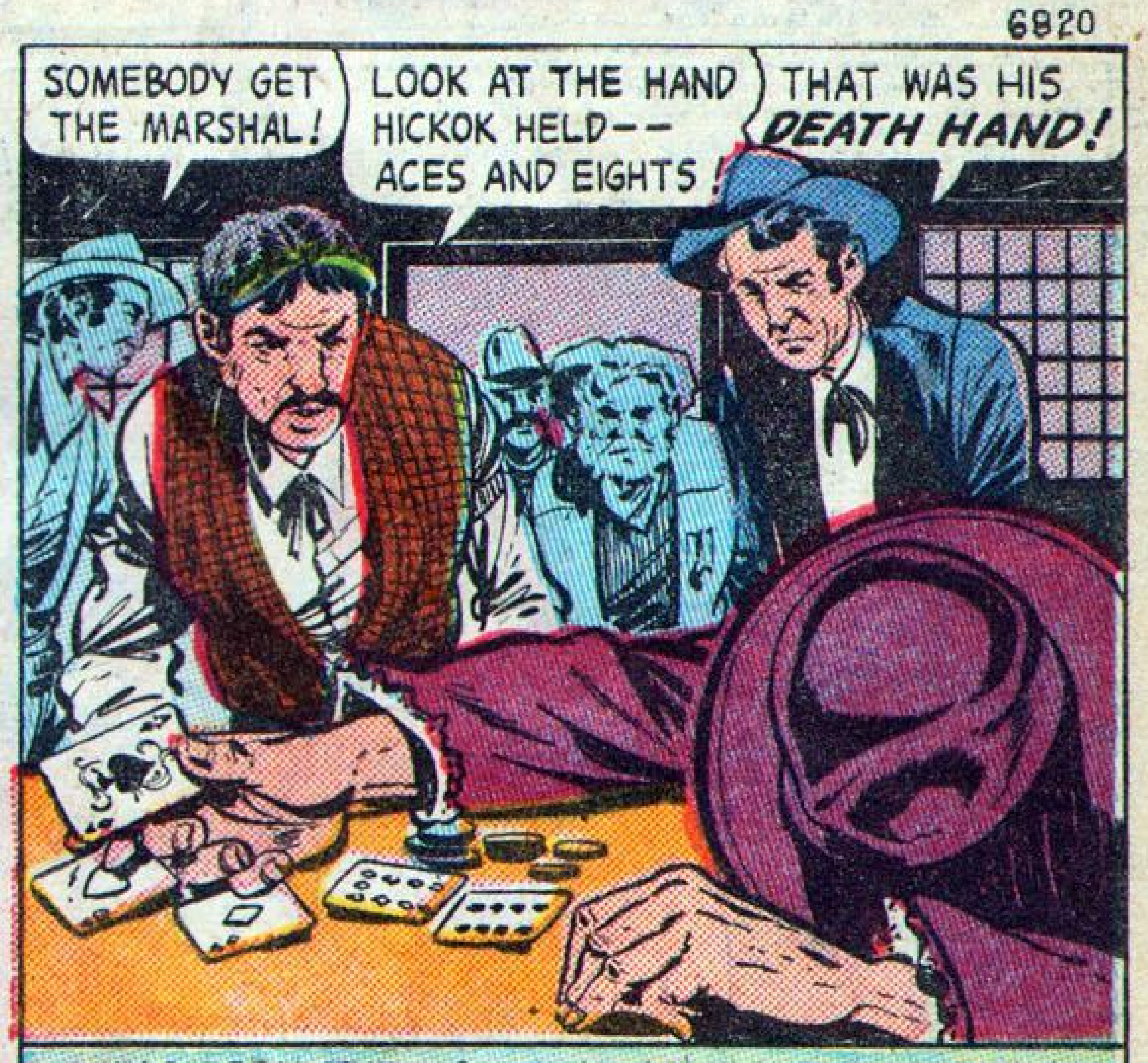
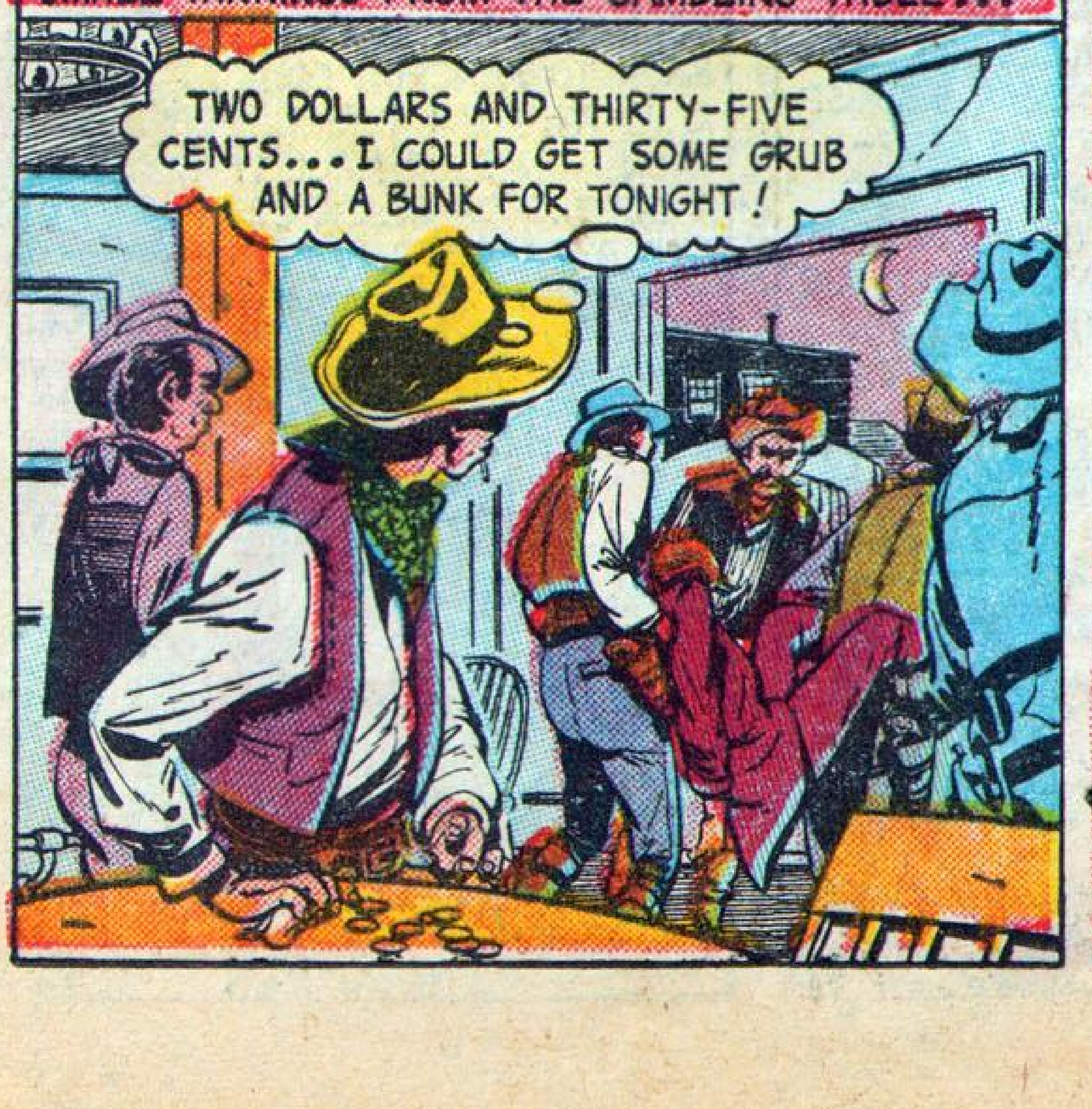
ON AUGUST 2, 1876, IN DEADWOOD, DAKOTA TERRITORY, JACK McCALL SHOT WILD BILL HICKOK IN THE BACK! THIS ENDED THE ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER OF A TRAIL-BLAZER AND FAMOUS SCOUT... BUT IT BEGAN THE INFAMOUS CAREER OF ACE MORGAN!


GAAA!
SOME DIRTY COWARD JUST SHOT WILD BILL!

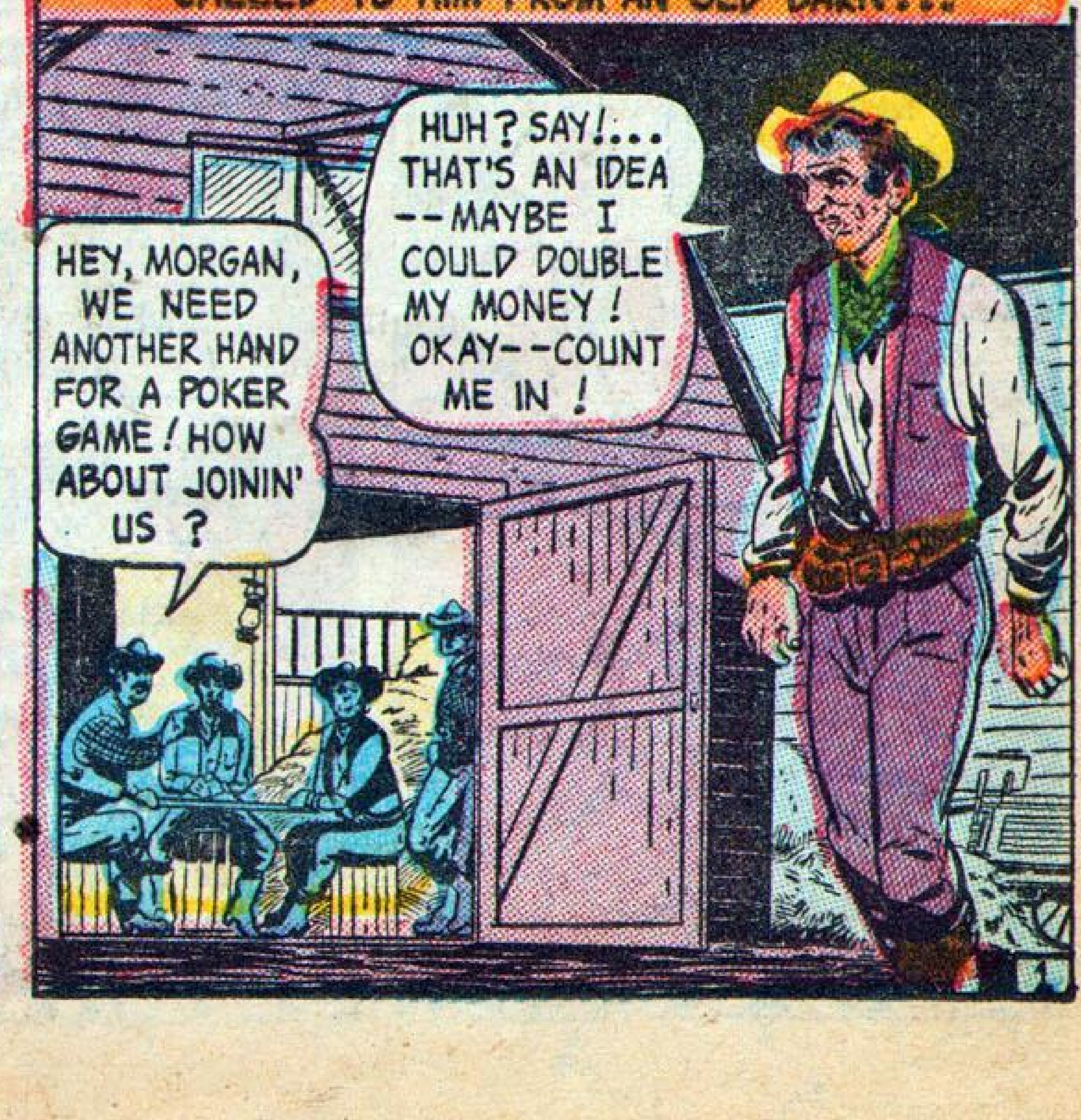

SOMEBODY GET THE MARSHAL!
LOOK AT THE HAND HICKOK HELD--ACES AND EIGHTS!
THAT WAS HIS *DEATH HAND!*

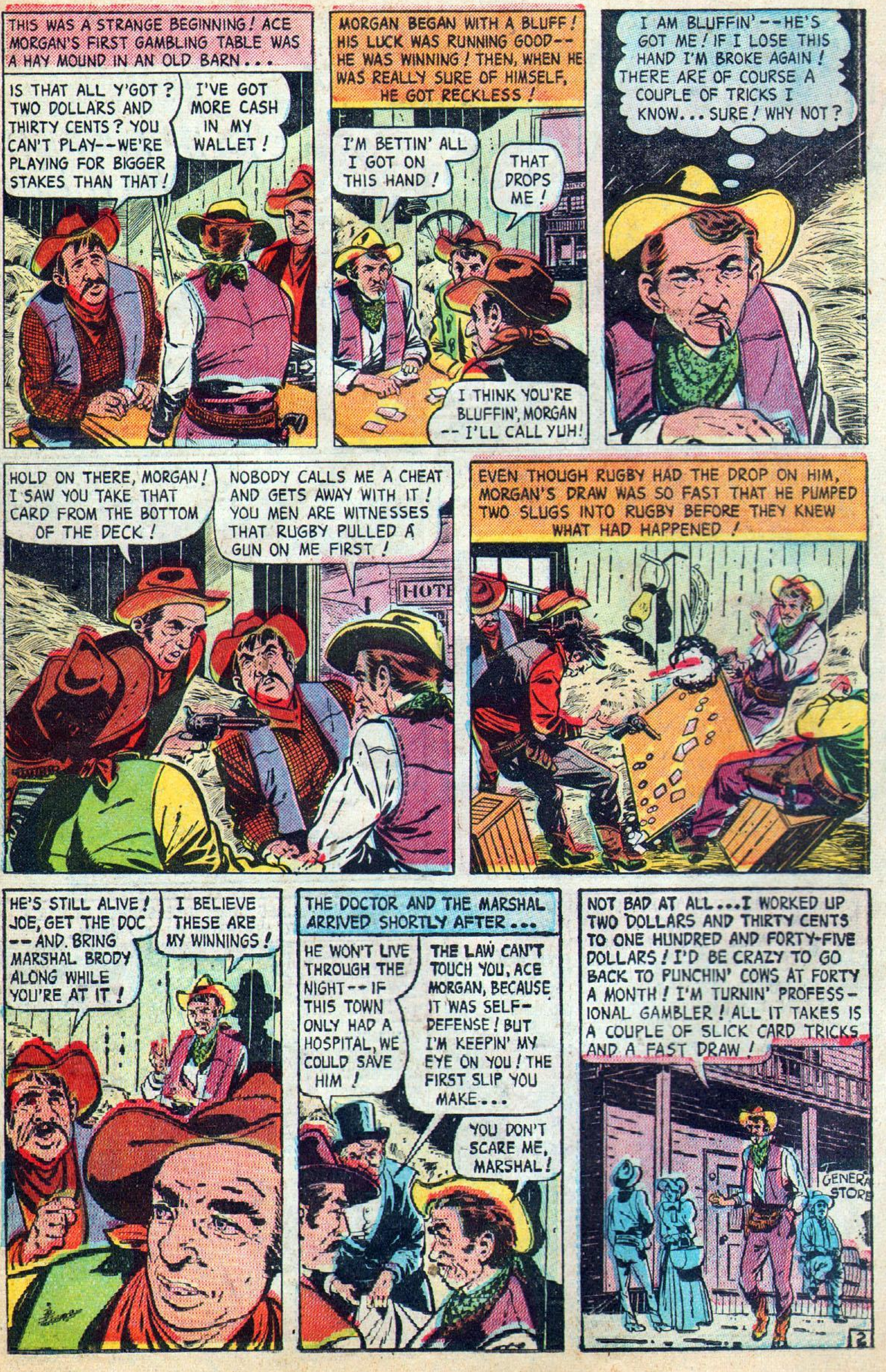
IT WAS FROM THEN ON THAT ACES AND EIGHTS IN A POKER GAME WAS KNOWN AS THE *DEATH HAND!*

IN THE CONFUSION OF HICKOK'S MURDER, MORGAN, A DOWN-AND-OUT COWPUNCHER, PICKED UP HICKOK'S SMALL WINNINGS FROM THE GAMBLING TABLE...


TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS... I COULD GET SOME GRUB AND A BUNK FOR TONIGHT!

AS MORGAN WALKED DOWN THE STREET, A VOICE CALLED TO HIM FROM AN OLD BARN...


HEY, MORGAN, WE NEED ANOTHER HAND FOR A POKER GAME! HOW ABOUT JOININ' US?
HUH? SAY!... THAT'S AN IDEA --MAYBE I COULD DOUBLE MY MONEY! OKAY--COUNT ME IN!


THIS WAS A STRANGE BEGINNING! ACE MORGAN'S FIRST GAMBLING TABLE WAS A HAY MOUND IN AN OLD BARN...
IS THAT ALL Y'GOT? TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS? YOU CAN'T PLAY--WE'RE PLAYING FOR BIGGER STAKES THAN THAT!
I'VE GOT MORE CASH IN MY WALLET!
MORGAN BEGAN WITH A BLUFF! HIS LUCK WAS RUNNING GOOD--HE WAS WINNING! THEN, WHEN HE WAS REALLY SURE OF HIMSELF, HE GOT RECKLESS!
I'M BETTIN' ALL I GOT ON THIS HAND!
THAT DROPS ME!
I THINK YOU'RE BLUFFIN', MORGAN -- I'LL CALL YUH!
I AM BLUFFIN'--HE'S GOT ME! IF I LOSE THIS HAND I'M BROKE AGAIN! THERE ARE OF COURSE A COUPLE OF TRICKS I KNOW... SURE! WHY NOT?
HOLD ON THERE, MORGAN! I SAW YOU TAKE THAT CARD FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DECK!
NOBODY CALLS ME A CHEAT AND GETS AWAY WITH IT! YOU MEN ARE WITNESSES THAT RUGBY PULLED A GUN ON ME FIRST!
HOTE
EVEN THOUGH RUGBY HAD THE DROP ON HIM, MORGAN'S DRAW WAS SO FAST THAT HE PUMPED TWO SLUGS INTO RUGBY BEFORE THEY KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED!
HE'S STILL ALIVE! JOE, GET THE DOC -- AND. BRING MARSHAL BRODY ALONG WHILE YOU'RE AT IT!
I BELIEVE THESE ARE MY WINNINGS!
THE DOCTOR AND THE MARSHAL ARRIVED SHORTLY AFTER...
HE WON'T LIVE THROUGH THE NIGHT--IF THIS TOWN ONLY HAD A HOSPITAL, WE COULD SAVE HIM!
THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH YOU, ACE MORGAN, BECAUSE IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE! BUT I'M KEEPIN' MY EYE ON YOU! THE FIRST SLIP YOU MAKE...
YOU DON'T SCARE ME, MARSHAL!
NOT BAD AT ALL...I WORKED UP TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS TO ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS! I'D BE CRAZY TO GO BACK TO PUNCHIN' COWS AT FORTY A MONTH! I'M TURNIN' PROFESSIONAL GAMBLER! ALL IT TAKES IS A COUPLE OF SLICK CARD TRICKS AND A FAST DRAW!
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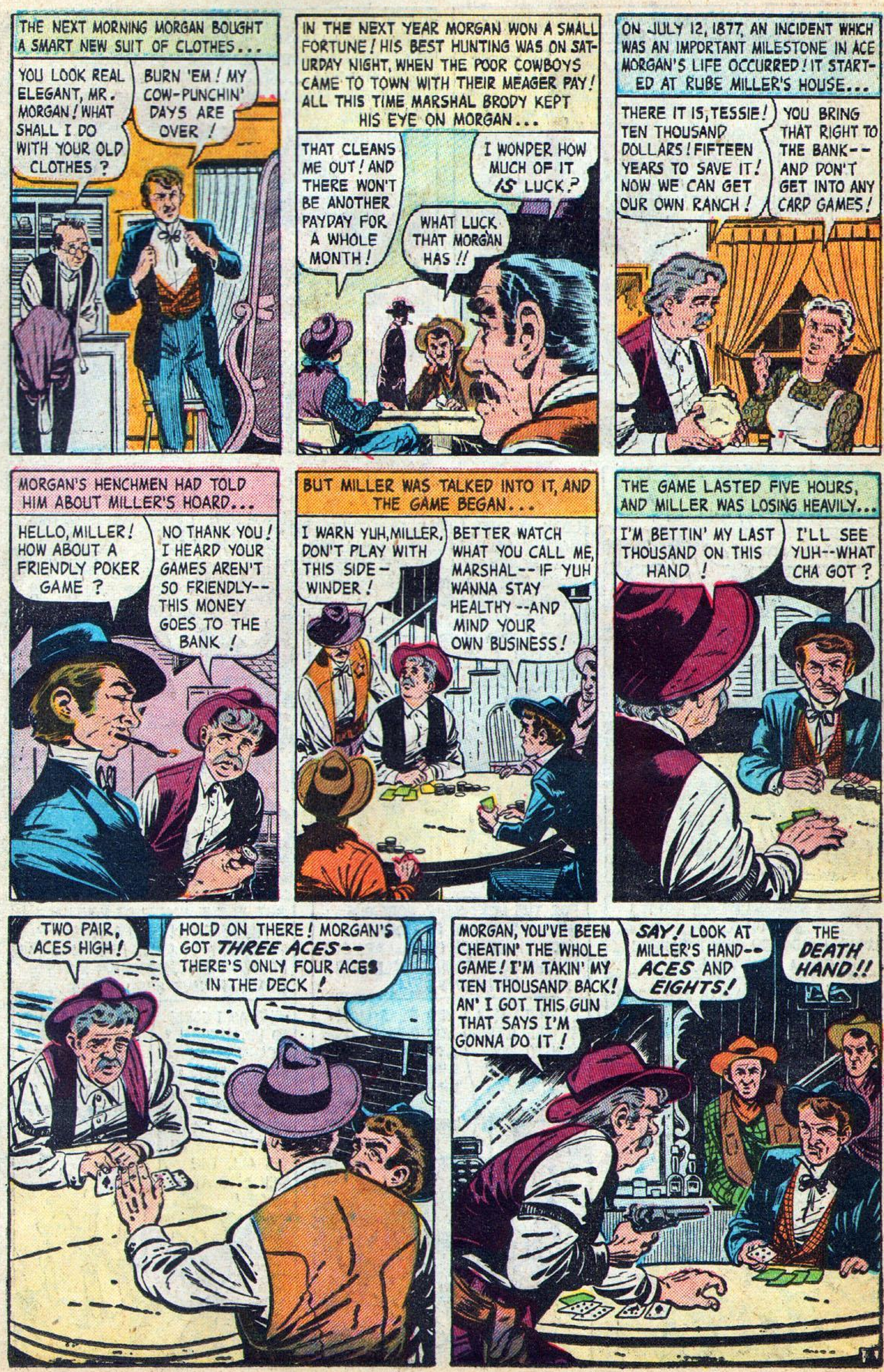
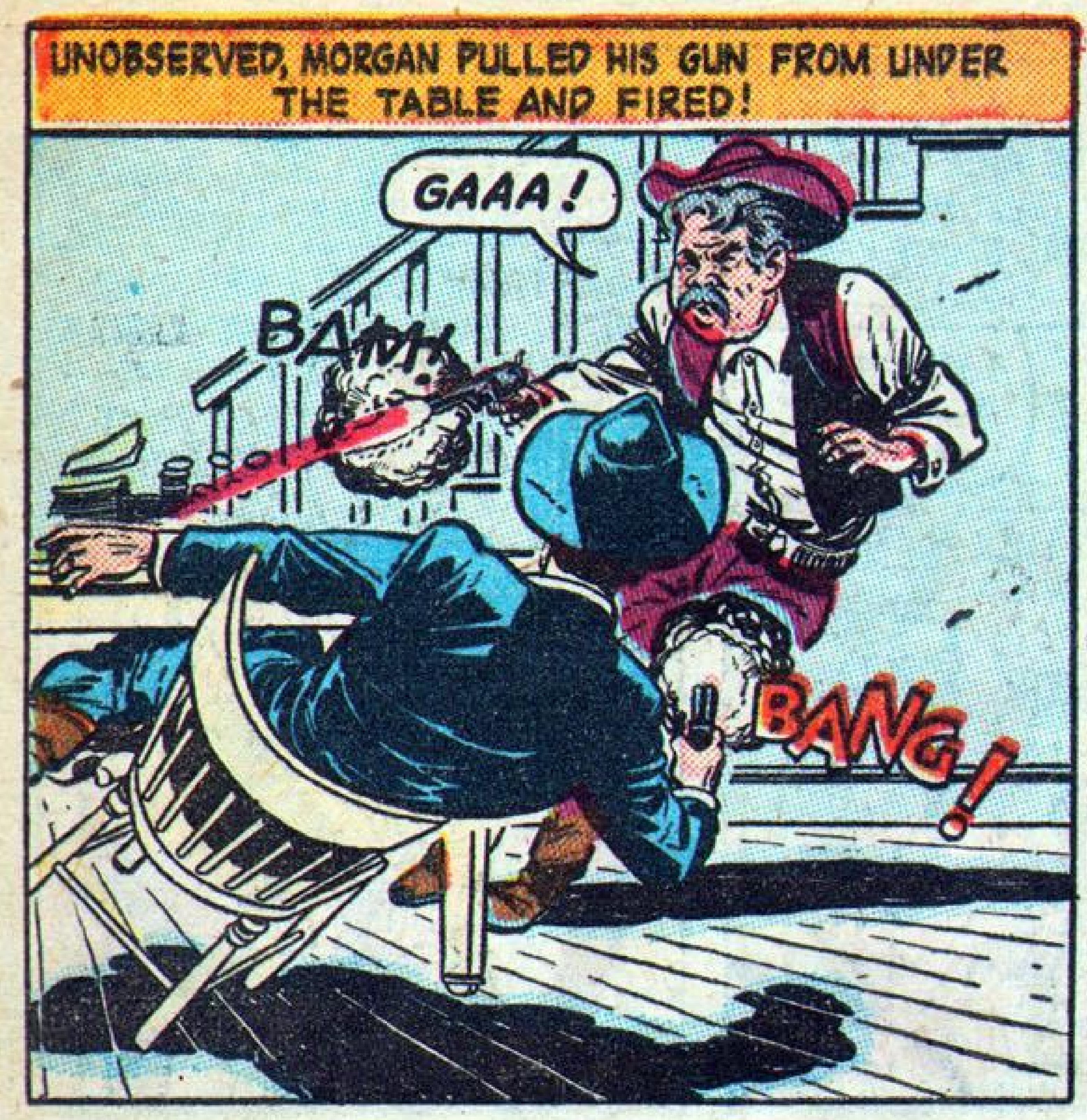
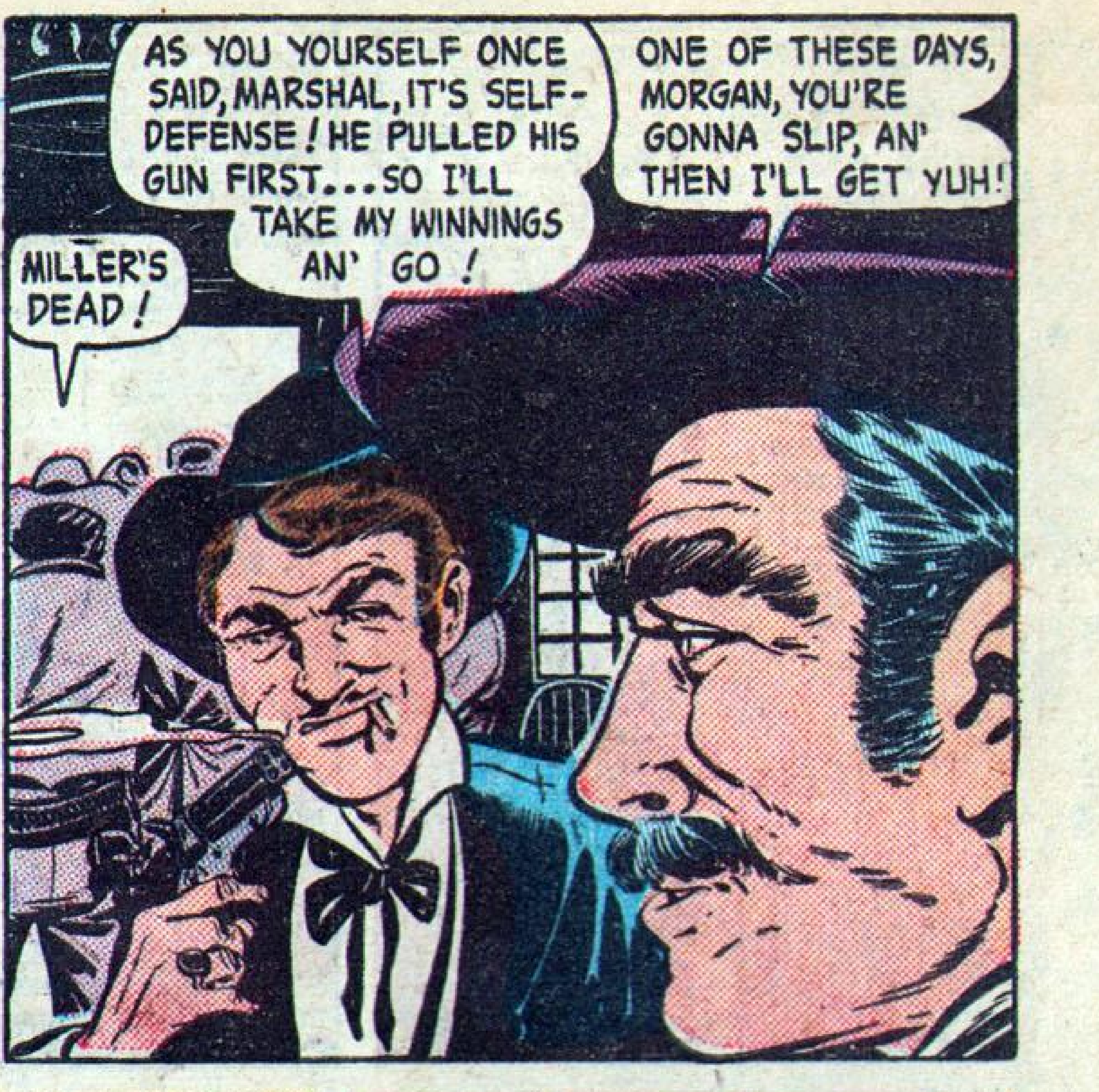
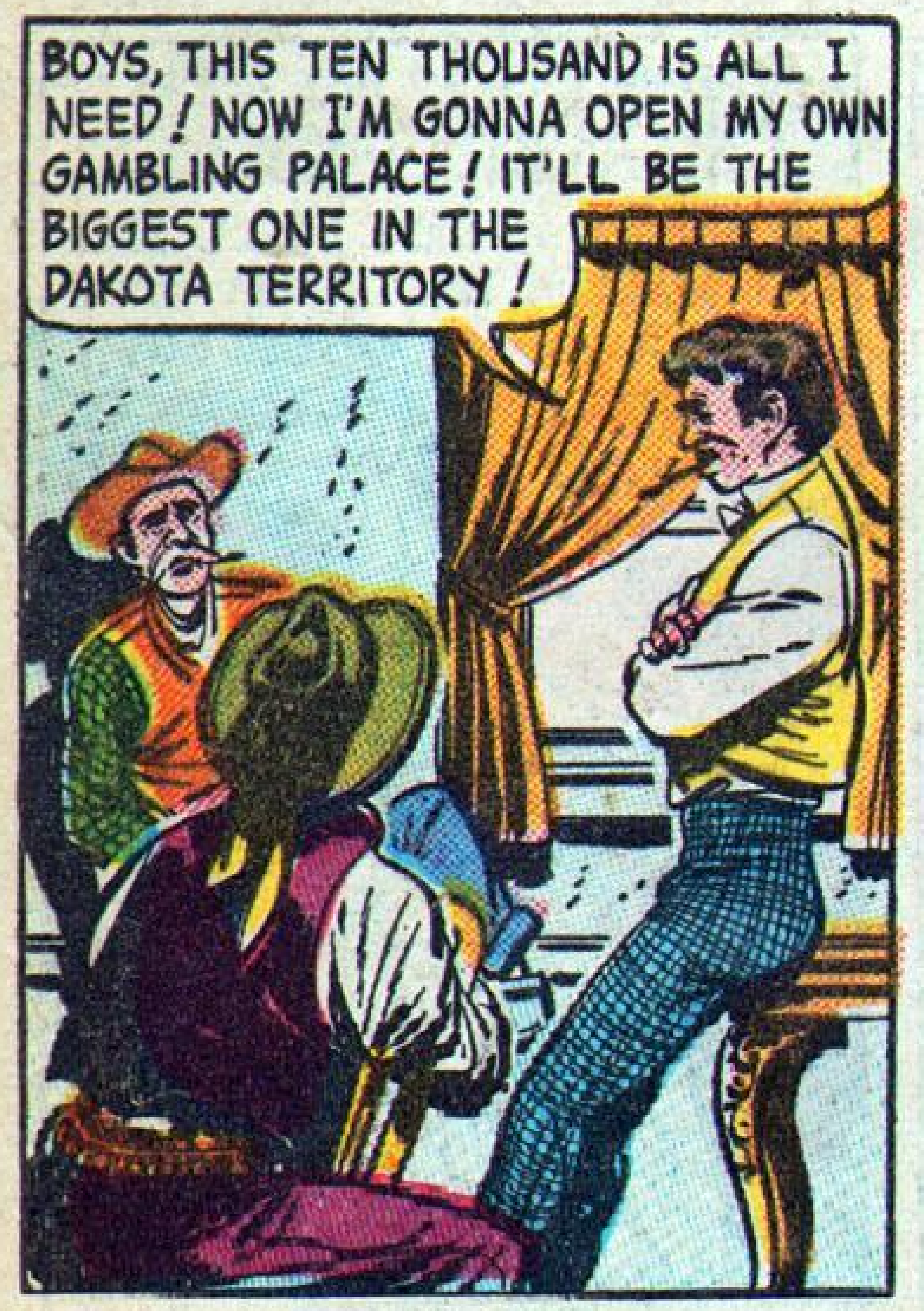
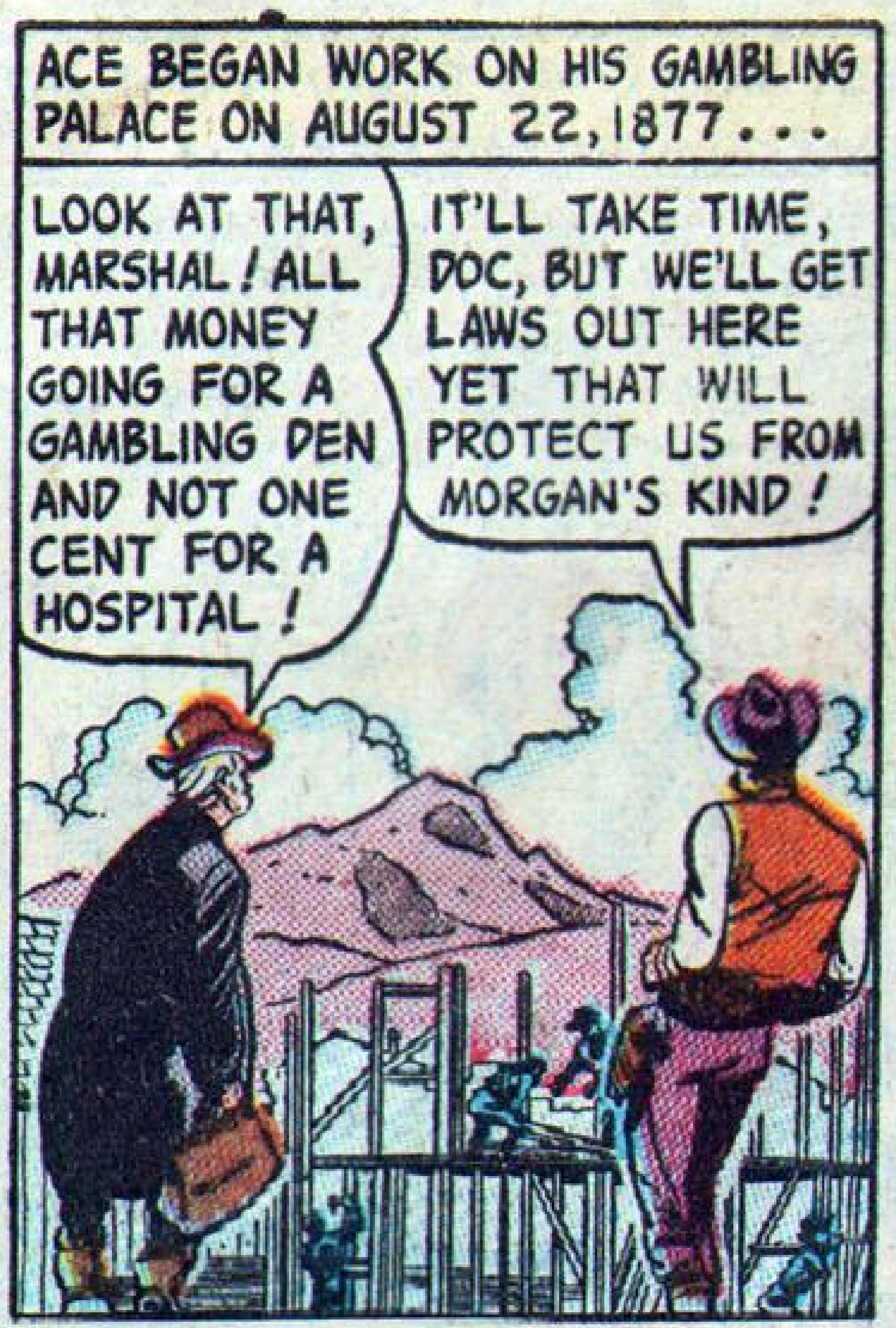
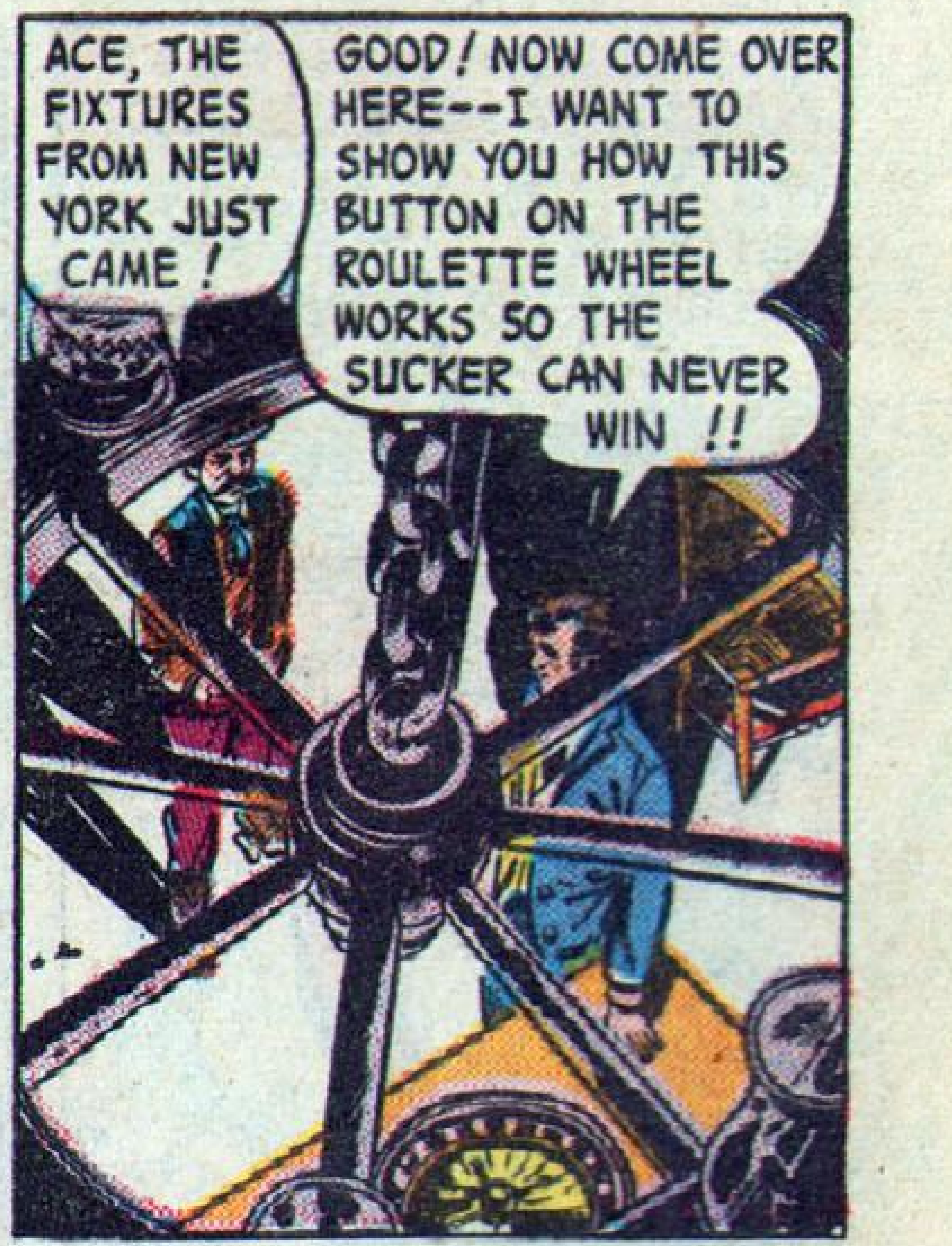

THE NEXT MORNING MORGAN BOUGHT A SMART NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES...
YOU LOOK REAL ELEGANT, MR. MORGAN! WHAT SHALL I DO WITH YOUR OLD CLOTHES?
BURN 'EM! MY COW-PUNCHIN' DAYS ARE OVER!
IN THE NEXT YEAR MORGAN WON A SMALL FORTUNE! HIS BEST HUNTING WAS ON SATURDAY NIGHT, WHEN THE POOR COWBOYS CAME TO TOWN WITH THEIR MEAGER PAY! ALL THIS TIME MARSHAL BRODY KEPT HIS EYE ON MORGAN...
THAT CLEANS ME OUT! AND THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER PAYDAY FOR A WHOLE MONTH!
I WONDER HOW MUCH OF IT IS LUCK?
WHAT LUCK THAT MORGAN HAS!!
ON JULY 12, 1877, AN INCIDENT WHICH WAS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN ACE MORGAN'S LIFE OCCURRED! IT STARTED AT RUBE MILLER'S HOUSE...
THERE IT IS, TESSIE! TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS! FIFTEEN YEARS TO SAVE IT! NOW WE CAN GET OUR OWN RANCH!
YOU BRING THAT RIGHT TO THE BANK-- AND DON'T GET INTO ANY CARD GAMES!
MORGAN'S HENCHMEN HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT MILLER'S HOARD...
HELLO, MILLER! HOW ABOUT A FRIENDLY POKER GAME?
NO THANK YOU! I HEARD YOUR GAMES AREN'T SO FRIENDLY-- THIS MONEY GOES TO THE BANK!
BUT MILLER WAS TALKED INTO IT, AND THE GAME BEGAN...
I WARN YUH, MILLER, DON'T PLAY WITH THIS SIDEWINDER!
BETTER WATCH WHAT YOU CALL ME, MARSHAL-- IF YUH WANNA STAY HEALTHY --AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
THE GAME LASTED FIVE HOURS, AND MILLER WAS LOSING HEAVILY...
I'M BETTIN' MY LAST THOUSAND ON THIS HAND!
I'LL SEE YUH--WHAT CHA GOT?
TWO PAIR, ACES HIGH!
HOLD ON THERE! MORGAN'S GOT THREE ACES-- THERE'S ONLY FOUR ACES IN THE DECK!
MORGAN, YOU'VE BEEN CHEATIN' THE WHOLE GAME! I'M TAKIN' MY TEN THOUSAND BACK! AN' I GOT THIS GUN THAT SAYS I'M GONNA DO IT!
SAY! LOOK AT MILLER'S HAND-- ACES AND EIGHTS!
THE DEATH HAND!!

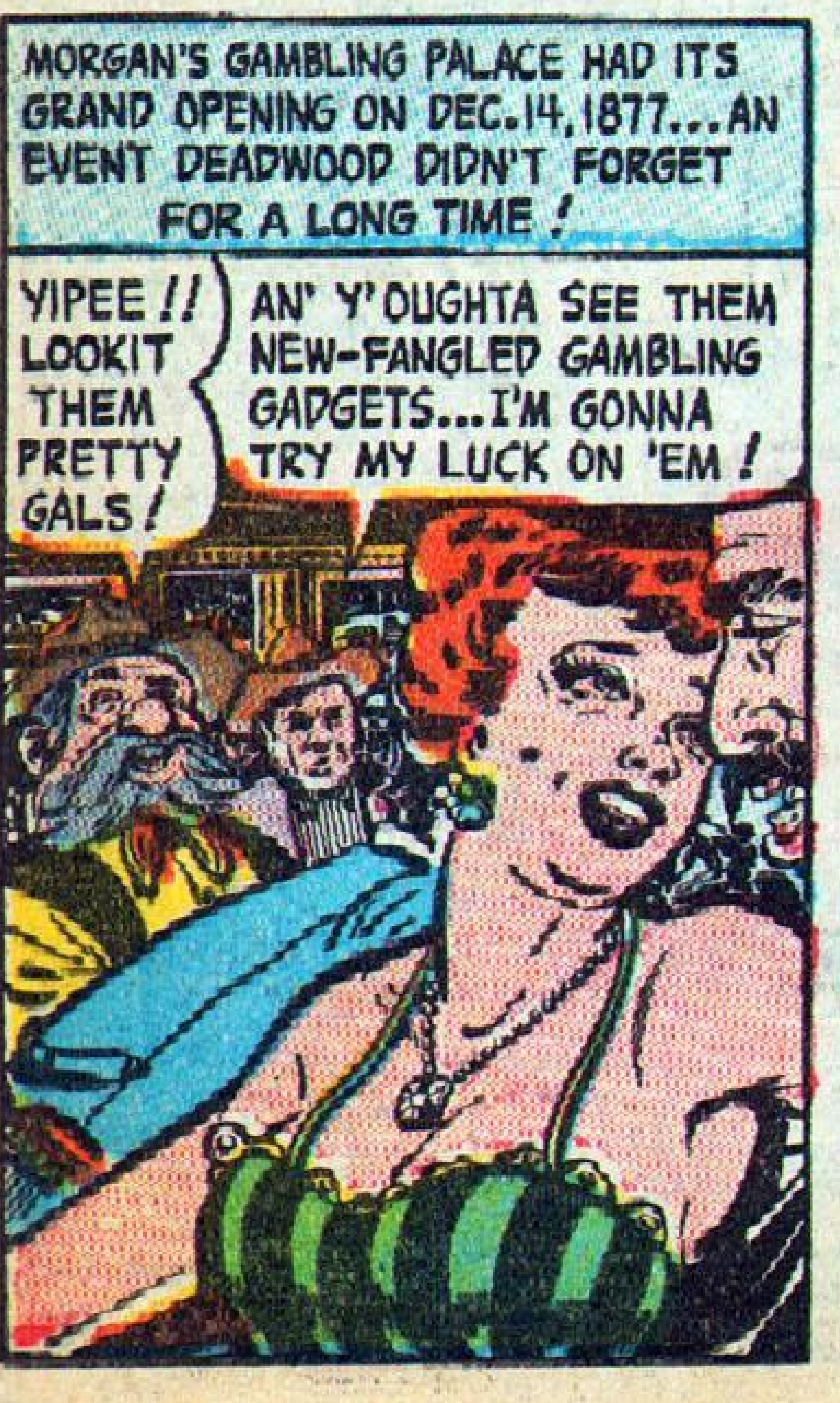

UNOBSERVED, MORGAN PULLED HIS GUN FROM UNDER THE TABLE AND FIRED!
GAAA!
BAM!
BANG!

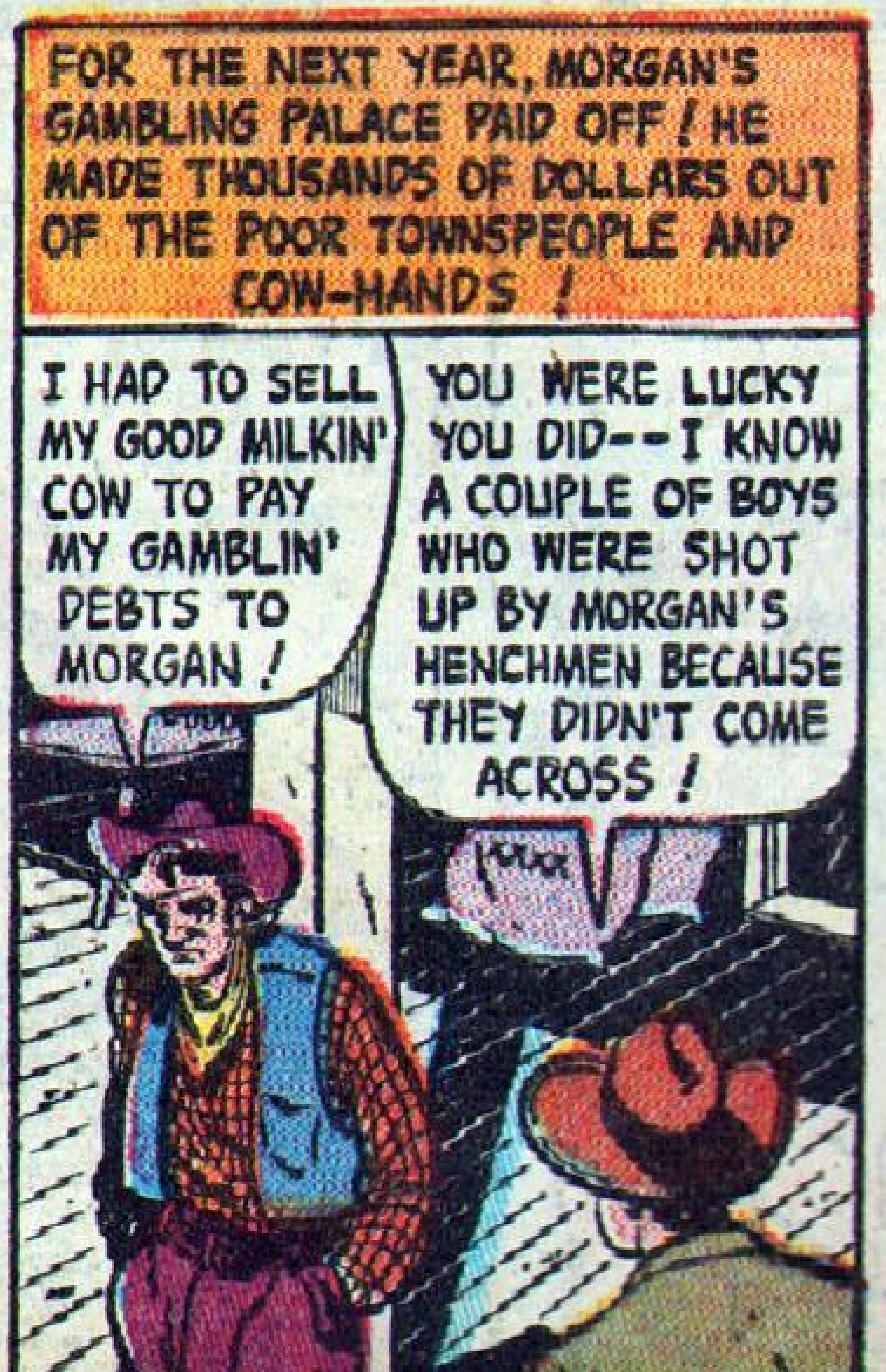

MILLER'S DEAD!
AS YOU YOURSELF ONCE SAID, MARSHAL, IT'S SELF-DEFENSE! HE PULLED HIS GUN FIRST... SO I'LL TAKE MY WINNINGS AN' GO!
ONE OF THESE DAYS, MORGAN, YOU'RE GONNA SLIP, AN' THEN I'LL GET YUH!

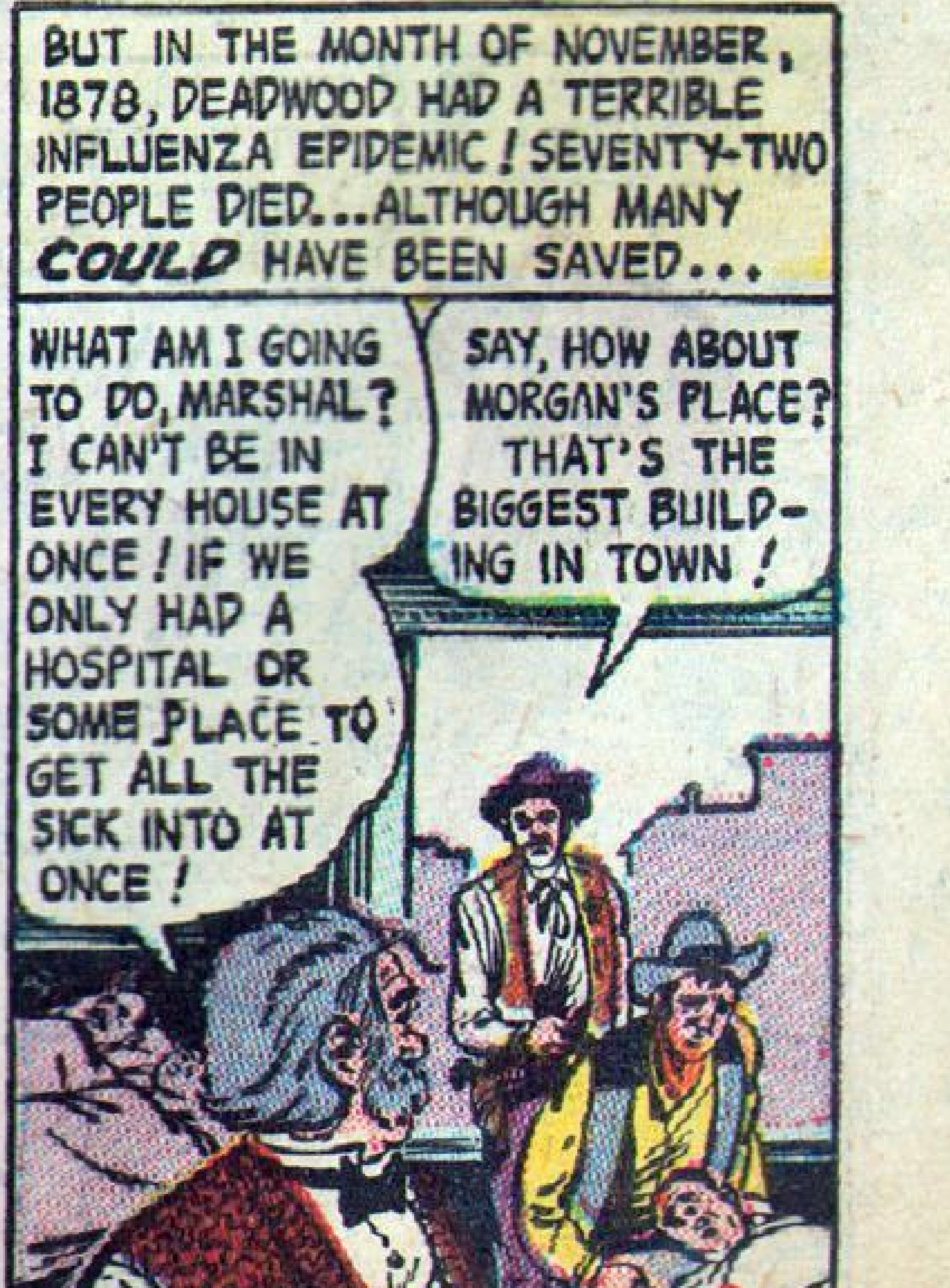

BOYS, THIS TEN THOUSAND IS ALL I NEED! NOW I'M GONNA OPEN MY OWN GAMBLING PALACE! IT'LL BE THE BIGGEST ONE IN THE DAKOTA TERRITORY!

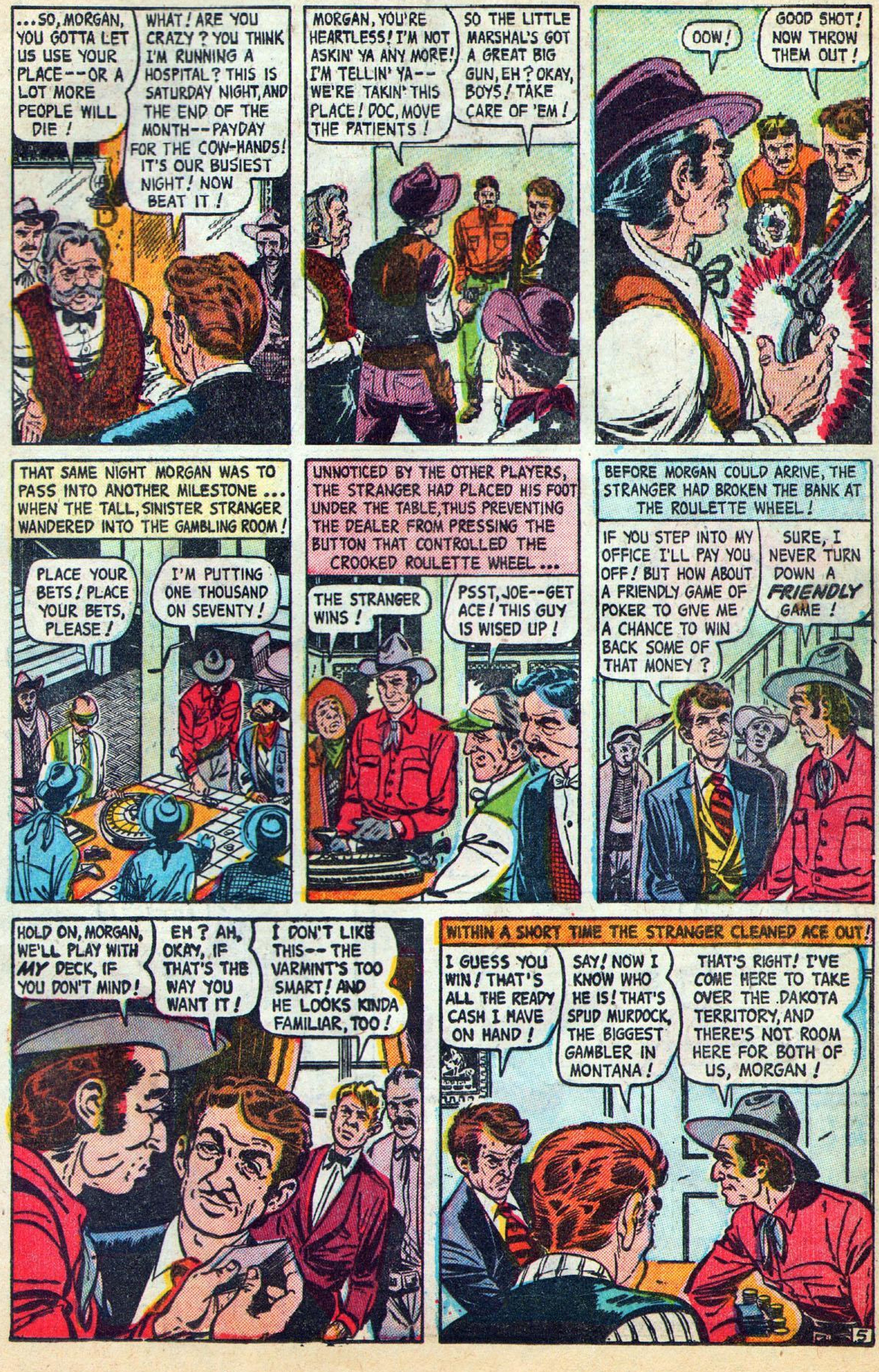

ACE BEGAN WORK ON HIS GAMBLING PALACE ON AUGUST 22, 1877...
LOOK AT THAT, MARSHAL! ALL THAT MONEY GOING FOR A GAMBLING DEN AND NOT ONE CENT FOR A HOSPITAL!
IT'LL TAKE TIME, DOC, BUT WE'LL GET LAWS OUT HERE YET THAT WILL PROTECT US FROM MORGAN'S KIND!

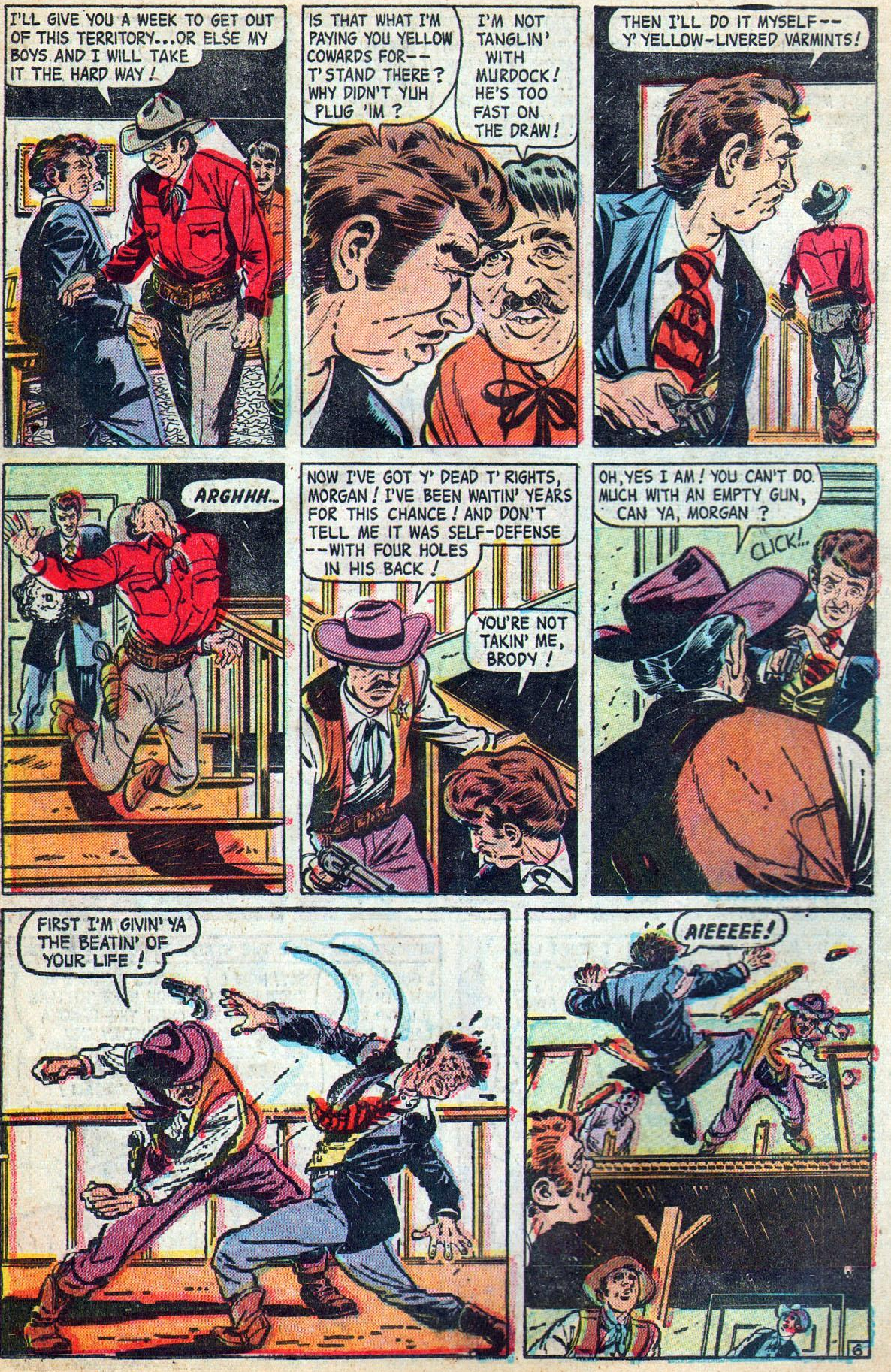

ACE, THE FIXTURES FROM NEW YORK JUST CAME!
GOOD! NOW COME OVER HERE--I WANT TO SHOW YOU HOW THIS BUTTON ON THE ROULETTE WHEEL WORKS SO THE SUCKER CAN NEVER WIN!!

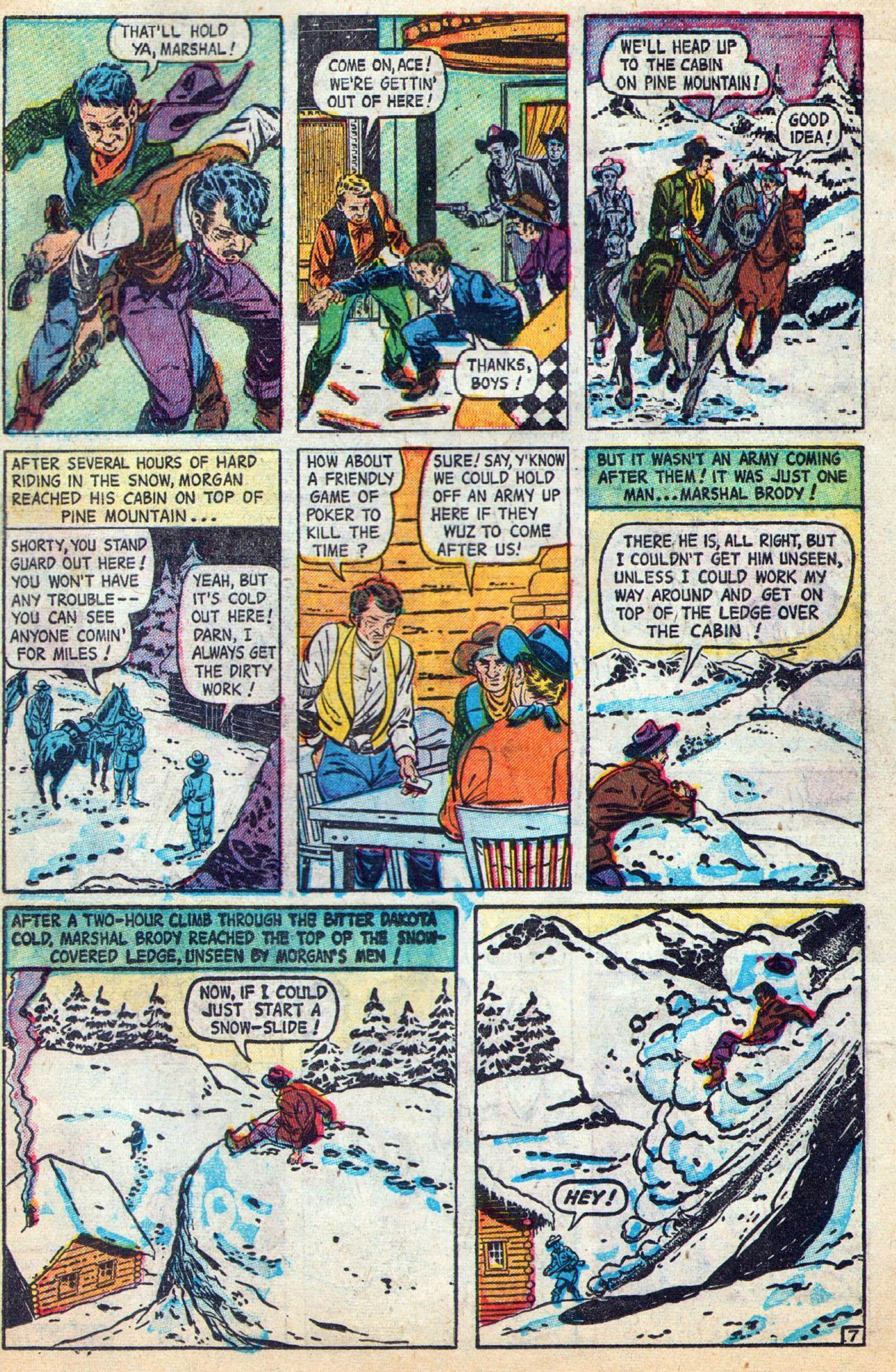

MORGAN'S GAMBLING PALACE HAD ITS GRAND OPENING ON DEC. 14, 1877... AN EVENT DEADWOOD DIDN'T FORGET FOR A LONG TIME!
YIPEE!! LOOKIT THEM PRETTY GALS!
AN' Y'OUGHTA SEE THEM NEW-FANGLED GAMBLING GADGETS... I'M GONNA TRY MY LUCK ON 'EM!

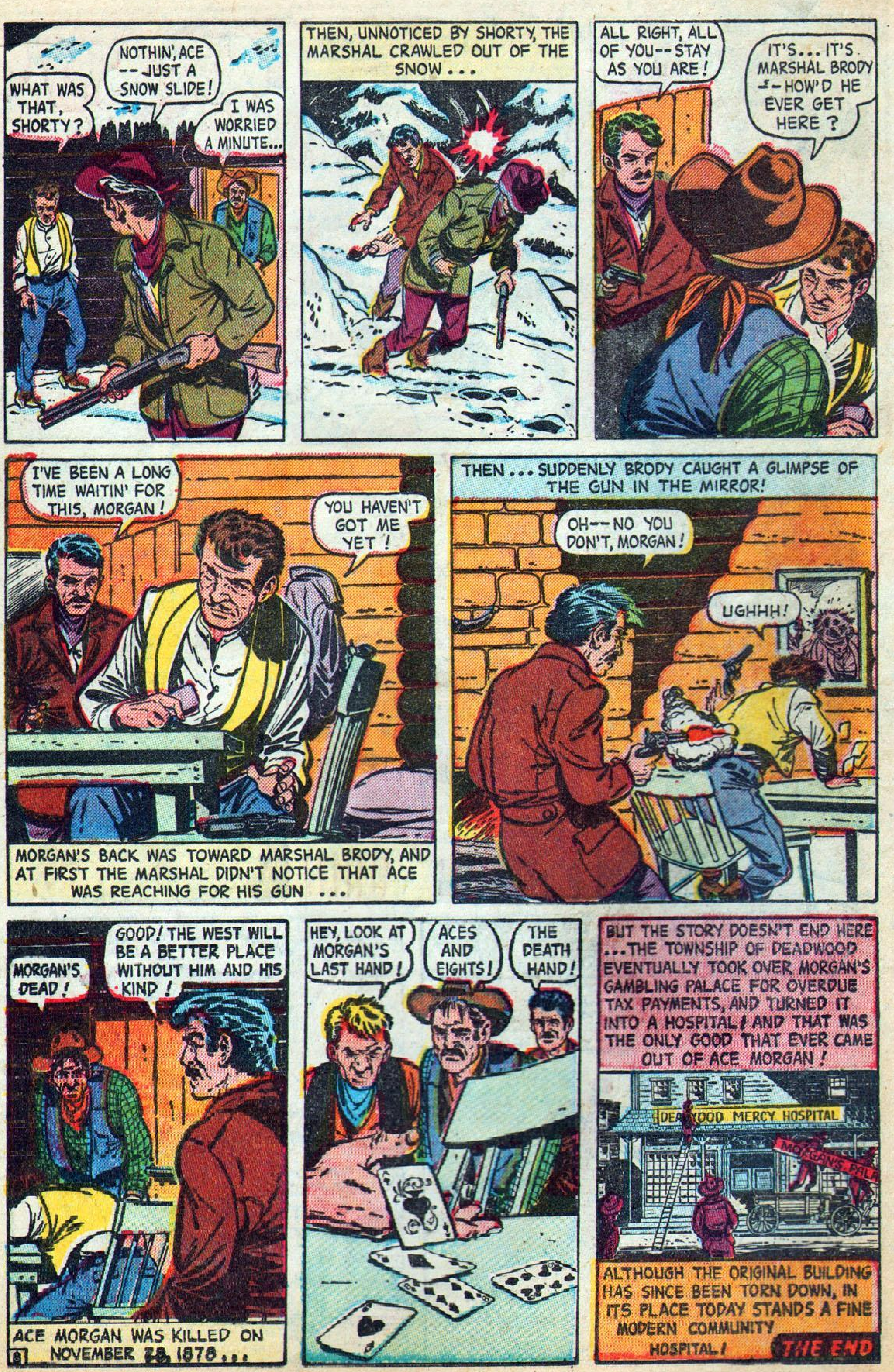

FOR THE NEXT YEAR, MORGAN'S GAMBLING PALACE PAID OFF! HE MADE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OUT OF THE POOR TOWNSPEOPLE AND COW-HANDS!
I HAD TO SELL MY GOOD MILKIN' COW TO PAY MY GAMBLIN' DEBTS TO MORGAN!
YOU WERE LUCKY YOU DID--I KNOW A COUPLE OF BOYS WHO WERE SHOT UP BY MORGAN'S HENCHMEN BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T COME ACROSS!

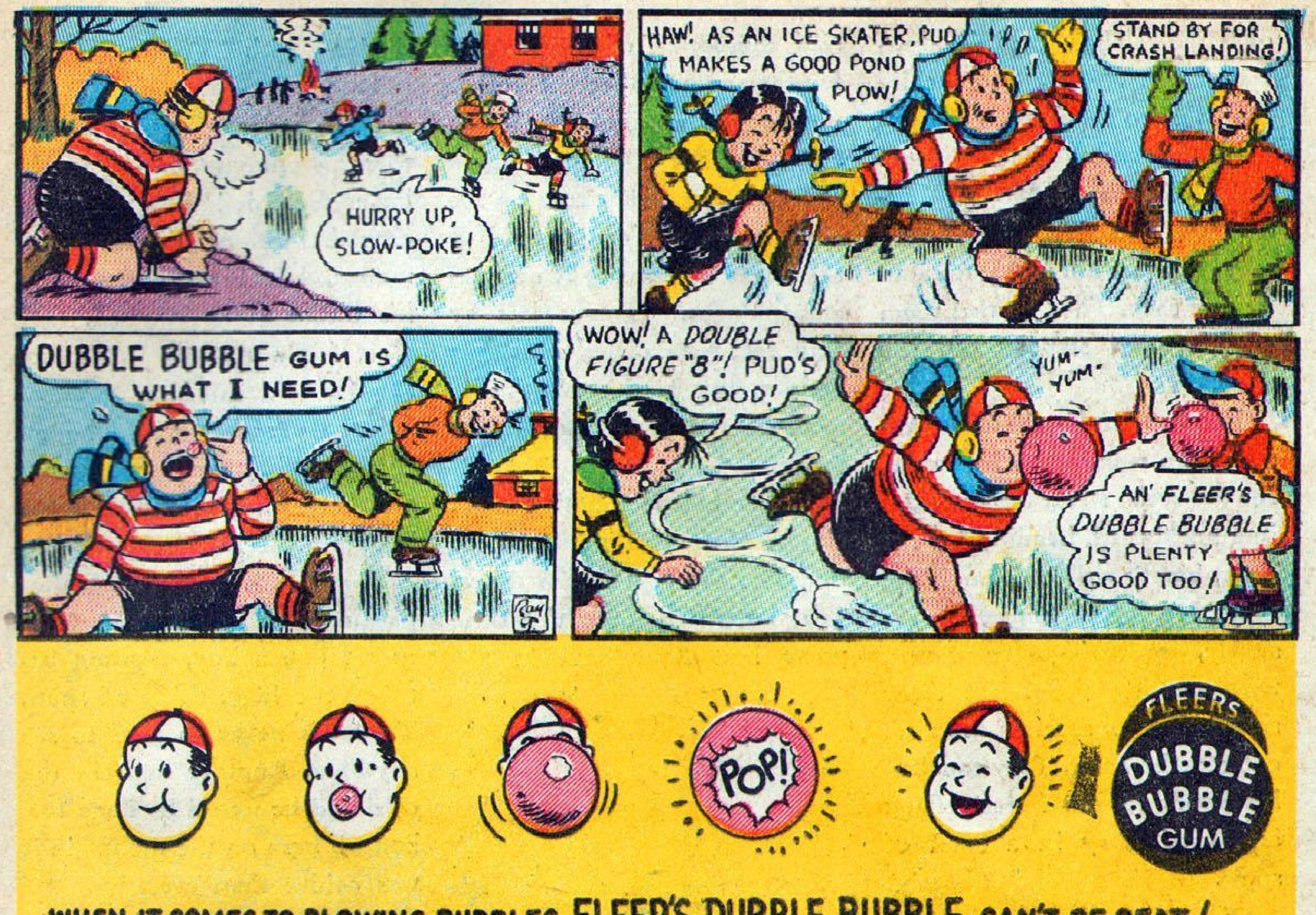

BUT IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1878, DEADWOOD HAD A TERRIBLE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC! SEVENTY-TWO PEOPLE DIED... ALTHOUGH MANY COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, MARSHAL? I CAN'T BE IN EVERY HOUSE AT ONCE! IF WE ONLY HAD A HOSPITAL OR SOME PLACE TO GET ALL THE SICK INTO AT ONCE!
SAY, HOW ABOUT MORGAN'S PLACE? THAT'S THE BIGGEST BUILDING IN TOWN!


...SO, MORGAN, YOU GOTTA LET US USE YOUR PLACE--OR A LOT MORE PEOPLE WILL DIE!
WHAT! ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU THINK I'M RUNNING A HOSPITAL? THIS IS SATURDAY NIGHT, AND THE END OF THE MONTH--PAYDAY FOR THE COW-HANDS! IT'S OUR BUSIEST NIGHT! NOW BEAT IT!
MORGAN, YOU'RE HEARTLESS! I'M NOT ASKIN' YA ANY MORE! I'M TELLIN' YA--WE'RE TAKIN' THIS PLACE! DOC, MOVE THE PATIENTS!
SO THE LITTLE MARSHAL'S GOT A GREAT BIG GUN, EH? OKAY, BOYS! TAKE CARE OF 'EM!
OOW!
GOOD SHOT! NOW THROW THEM OUT!
THAT SAME NIGHT MORGAN WAS TO PASS INTO ANOTHER MILESTONE ... WHEN THE TALL, SINISTER STRANGER WANDERED INTO THE GAMBLING ROOM!
PLACE YOUR BETS! PLACE YOUR BETS, PLEASE!
I'M PUTTING ONE THOUSAND ON SEVENTY!
UNNOTICED BY THE OTHER PLAYERS, THE STRANGER HAD PLACED HIS FOOT UNDER THE TABLE, THUS PREVENTING THE DEALER FROM PRESSING THE BUTTON THAT CONTROLLED THE CROOKED ROULETTE WHEEL...
THE STRANGER WINS!
PSST, JOE--GET ACE! THIS GUY IS WISED UP!
BEFORE MORGAN COULD ARRIVE, THE STRANGER HAD BROKEN THE BANK AT THE ROULETTE WHEEL!
IF YOU STEP INTO MY OFFICE I'LL PAY YOU OFF! BUT HOW ABOUT A FRIENDLY GAME OF POKER TO GIVE ME A CHANCE TO WIN BACK SOME OF THAT MONEY?
SURE, I NEVER TURN DOWN A *FRIENDLY* GAME!
HOLD ON, MORGAN, WE'LL PLAY WITH *MY* DECK, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
EH? AH, OKAY, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT!
I DON'T LIKE THIS-- THE VARMINT'S TOO SMART! AND HE LOOKS KINDA FAMILIAR, TOO!
WITHIN A SHORT TIME THE STRANGER CLEANED ACE OUT!
I GUESS YOU WIN! THAT'S ALL THE READY CASH I HAVE ON HAND!
SAY! NOW I KNOW WHO HE IS! THAT'S SPUD MURDOCK, THE BIGGEST GAMBLER IN MONTANA!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE COME HERE TO TAKE OVER THE DAKOTA TERRITORY, AND THERE'S NOT ROOM HERE FOR BOTH OF US, MORGAN!


I'LL GIVE YOU A WEEK TO GET OUT OF THIS TERRITORY...OR ELSE MY BOYS AND I WILL TAKE IT THE HARD WAY!
IS THAT WHAT I'M PAYING YOU YELLOW COWARDS FOR--T'STAND THERE? WHY DIDN'T YUH PLUG 'IM?
I'M NOT TANGLIN' WITH MURDOCK! HE'S TOO FAST ON THE DRAW!
THEN I'LL DO IT MYSELF--Y' YELLOW-LIVERED VARMINTS!
ARGHHH...
NOW I'VE GOT Y' DEAD T' RIGHTS, MORGAN! I'VE BEEN WAITIN' YEARS FOR THIS CHANCE! AND DON'T TELL ME IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE--WITH FOUR HOLES IN HIS BACK!
YOU'RE NOT TAKIN' ME, BRODY!
OH, YES I AM! YOU CAN'T DO MUCH WITH AN EMPTY GUN, CAN YA, MORGAN?
CLICK!..
FIRST I'M GIVIN' YA THE BEATIN' OF YOUR LIFE!
AIEEEEE!


THAT'LL HOLD YA, MARSHAL!
COME ON, ACE! WE'RE GETTIN' OUT OF HERE!
THANKS, BOYS!
WE'LL HEAD UP TO THE CABIN ON PINE MOUNTAIN!
GOOD IDEA!
AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF HARD RIDING IN THE SNOW, MORGAN REACHED HIS CABIN ON TOP OF PINE MOUNTAIN...
SHORTY, YOU STAND GUARD OUT HERE! YOU WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE-- YOU CAN SEE ANYONE COMIN' FOR MILES!
YEAH, BUT IT'S COLD OUT HERE! DARN, I ALWAYS GET THE DIRTY WORK!
HOW ABOUT A FRIENDLY GAME OF POKER TO KILL THE TIME?
SURE! SAY, Y'KNOW WE COULD HOLD OFF AN ARMY UP HERE IF THEY WUZ TO COME AFTER US!
BUT IT WASN'T AN ARMY COMING AFTER THEM! IT WAS JUST ONE MAN... MARSHAL BRODY!
THERE HE IS, ALL RIGHT, BUT I COULDN'T GET HIM UNSEEN, UNLESS I COULD WORK MY WAY AROUND AND GET ON TOP OF THE LEDGE OVER THE CABIN!
AFTER A TWO-HOUR CLIMB THROUGH THE BITTER DAKOTA COLD, MARSHAL BRODY REACHED THE TOP OF THE SNOW-COVERED LEDGE, UNSEEN BY MORGAN'S MEN!
NOW, IF I COULD JUST START A SNOW-SLIDE!
HEY!


WHAT WAS THAT, SHORTY?
NOTHIN', ACE -- JUST A SNOW SLIDE!
I WAS WORRIED A MINUTE...
THEN, UNNOTICED BY SHORTY, THE MARSHAL CRAWLED OUT OF THE SNOW...
ALL RIGHT, ALL OF YOU-- STAY AS YOU ARE!
IT'S... IT'S MARSHAL BRODY -- HOW'D HE EVER GET HERE?
I'VE BEEN A LONG TIME WAITIN' FOR THIS, MORGAN!
YOU HAVEN'T GOT ME YET!
MORGAN'S BACK WAS TOWARD MARSHAL BRODY, AND AT FIRST THE MARSHAL DIDN'T NOTICE THAT ACE WAS REACHING FOR HIS GUN...
THEN... SUDDENLY BRODY CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THE GUN IN THE MIRROR!
OH-- NO YOU DON'T, MORGAN!
UGHHH!
MORGAN'S DEAD!
GOOD! THE WEST WILL BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT HIM AND HIS KIND!
ACE MORGAN WAS KILLED ON NOVEMBER 28, 1878...
HEY, LOOK AT MORGAN'S LAST HAND!
ACES AND EIGHTS!
THE DEATH HAND!
BUT THE STORY DOESN'T END HERE ...THE TOWNSHIP OF DEADWOOD EVENTUALLY TOOK OVER MORGAN'S GAMBLING PALACE FOR OVERDUE TAX PAYMENTS, AND TURNED IT INTO A HOSPITAL! AND THAT WAS THE ONLY GOOD THAT EVER CAME OUT OF ACE MORGAN!
DEADWOOD MERCY HOSPITAL
MORGAN'S PAL
ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL BUILDING HAS SINCE BEEN TORN DOWN, IN ITS PLACE TODAY STANDS A FINE MODERN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL!
THE END


HURRY UP, SLOW-POKE!
HAW! AS AN ICE SKATER, PUD MAKES A GOOD POND PLOW!
STAND BY FOR CRASH LANDING!
DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM IS WHAT I NEED!
WOW! A DOUBLE FIGURE "8"! PUD'S GOOD!
YUM-YUM-
-AN' FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE IS PLENTY GOOD TOO!
POP!
FLEERS
DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM

WHEN IT COMES TO BLOWING BUBBLES, FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE CAN'T BE BEAT!

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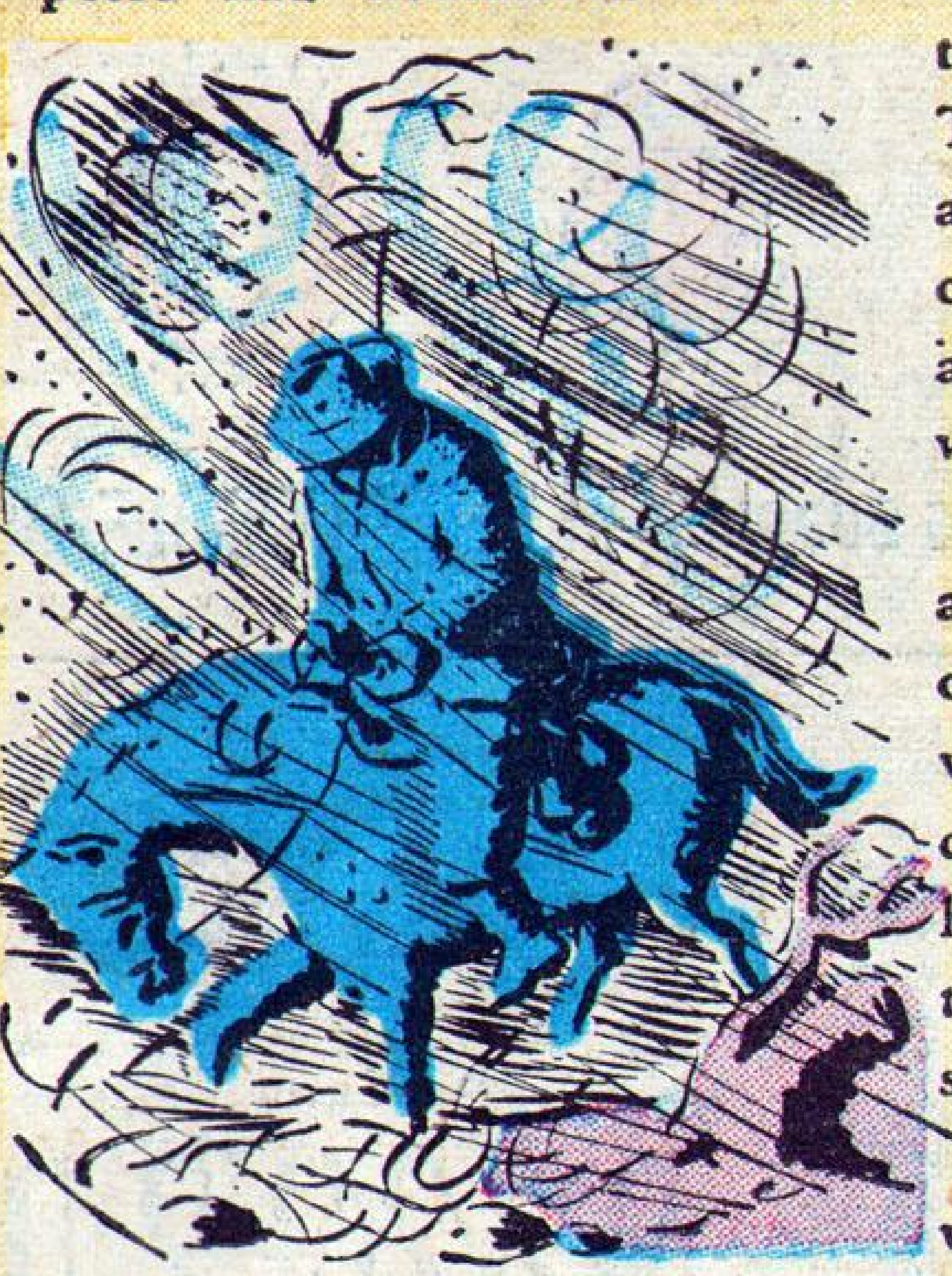
of flame belched from the muzzle of the .45. As the cashier crumpled to the floor, Tory was sweeping the bills into a canvas sack, his face flushed with excitement. He was satisfied only when the last bill had gone into a third sack. Then he tied them together and stepped out the door.

Just in time he checked himself from running to his horse, for down the street came a rider in a buckboard, heading for the bank, barely visible through the snow. He forced himself to act slowly, mounting his horse, then trotting the horse away slowly. But as soon as the man entered the bank, Tory touched his spurs to the horse's flank and sped away in a swirl of snow.

Okay, he thought, let them chase him now. It would take a while to get a posse organized, and by that time he'd reach the mountain, and if they could track him in that snow, it would be a miracle. What a cinch! He alone knew the path to the nester's cabin, and he'd just have enough time to reach it. He didn't have a minute to waste, because from the signs, it was going to be a long snow, and it was likely that he'd never be able to get out of the cabin until spring. It wouldn't be bad, though. The nester would have a winter's supply of wood in the shed, and his shelves loaded with food. Just enough food for one man . . . and it wasn't going to be the nester.

Tory reached the foothills of the mountain as the snow thickened. It was tough going, but it was worth it. The wind carried the sound of shooting to him as the posse wasted bullets on shadows a mile back. It was so easy Tory grinned, then chuckled. A quarter mile up the mountain trail Tory got rid of the horse by driving it over an embankment. Tracks left by four feet were easier to follow; besides, the horse could never navigate the path through the brush.



The sound of shooting came closer, then it diminished as they lost the trail in the drifts. Tory knew well enough that the posse had floundered in the foothills. They'd turn back now and telegraph all the news to every city around, but by the time Tory showed up, the incident would have been forgotten. He lowered his head into the teeth of the wind and plowed ahead. It was snowing so hard now that his tracks were covered as fast as he made them. Tory was getting worried. He had cut it too close! He'd be lost in the winter wilderness! Panic rose in him as he forged ahead, sinking deeper in the drifts with every step. It grew colder with every passing minute.

First, he threw away his rifle, then his one gun, but he would have discarded his sheepskin coat before he dropped the money. His breath labored in his throat as he climbed, ever alert for a sign of the cabin. He was cold and hungry, eager for the fire that would be on the nester's hearth, the steaks and hams that would be hanging from the rafters.

Tory Roak was almost desperate when he saw the cabin. It sat like a box, nestling between two huge drifts of snow. Tory was never so glad to see anything. Another hour in the cold and he would be done for, and up here on the mountain it was colder than ever.

The outlaw drew his gun in a swift motion, the hot blood of the kill racing through his veins. With swift strides he crossed the clearing, then his hand was on the door latch. He threw it open and stepped inside, his gun ready to shoot.

Every muscle in his body went rigid. Into his mind came a horror greater than any he had ever known. The nester was there, all right, stretched out lifeless on the floor where he had died months before. Many months before he had time to lay in his winter's supply of fuel and food. Tory trembled as he looked at the cold hearth, the empty shelves. Then he looked at his sacks of money, the sounds of the cold wind shrieking in his ears from outside. He screamed once . . . but there was nobody to hear him!

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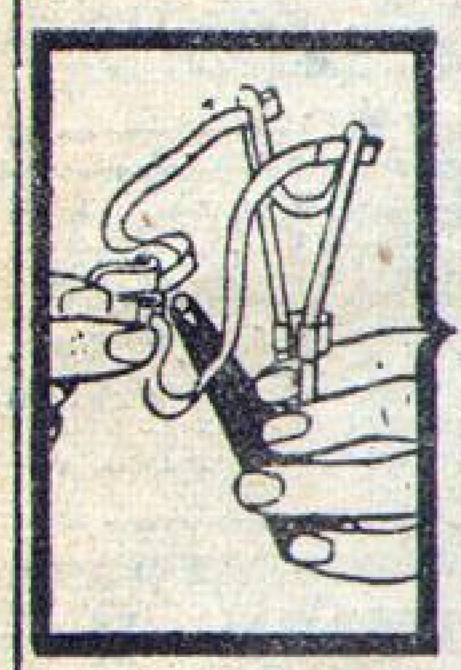

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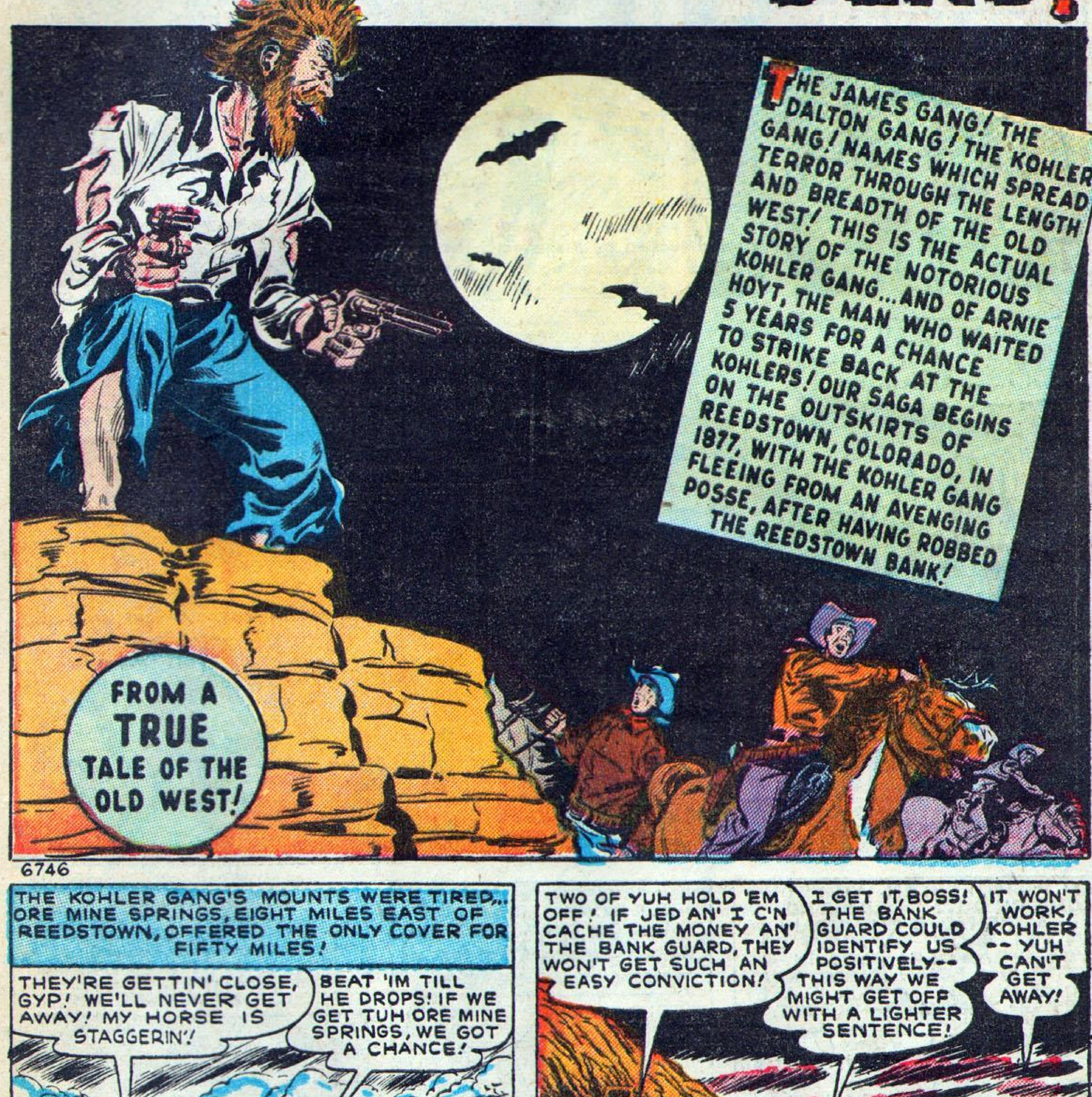
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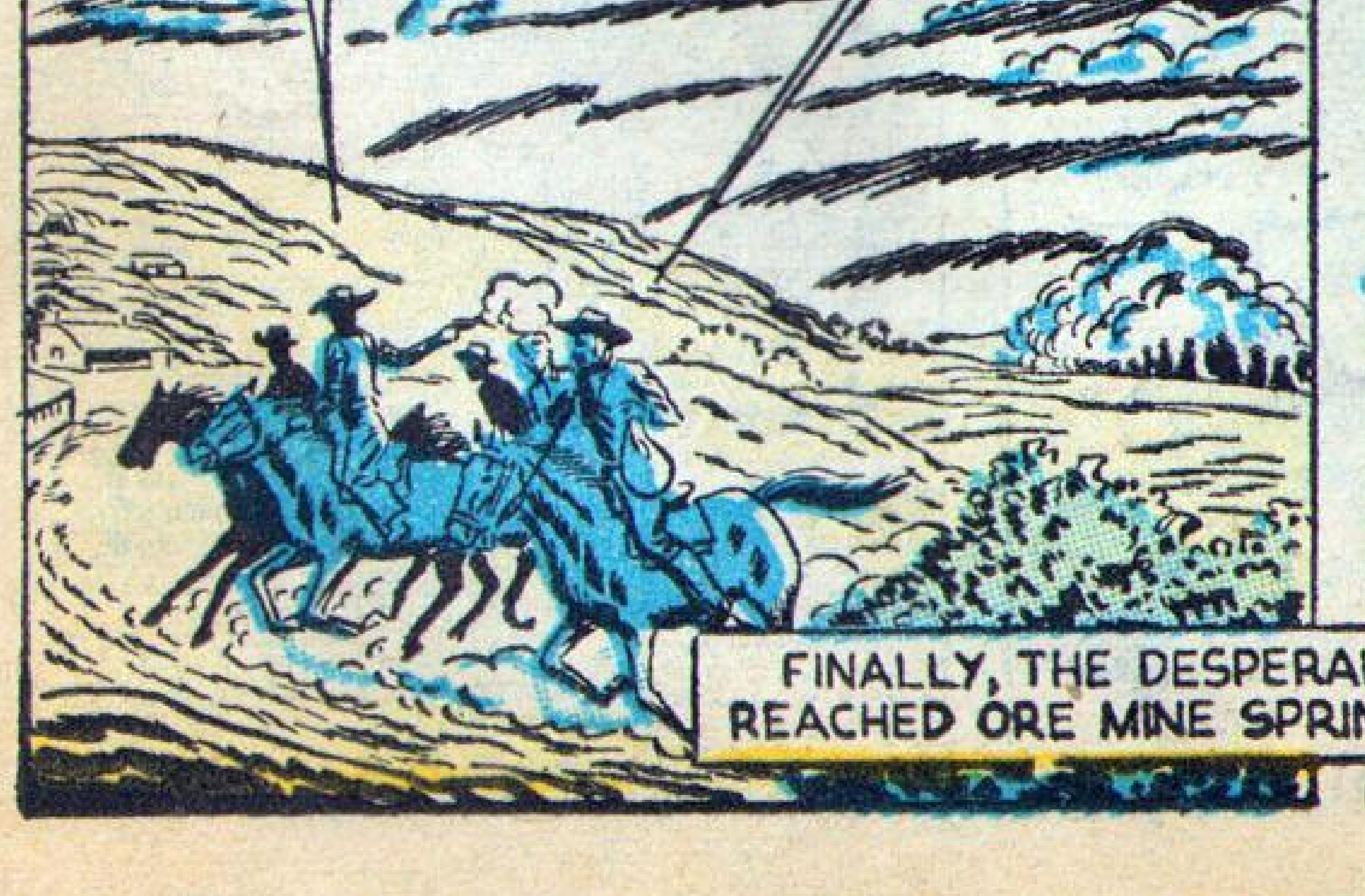
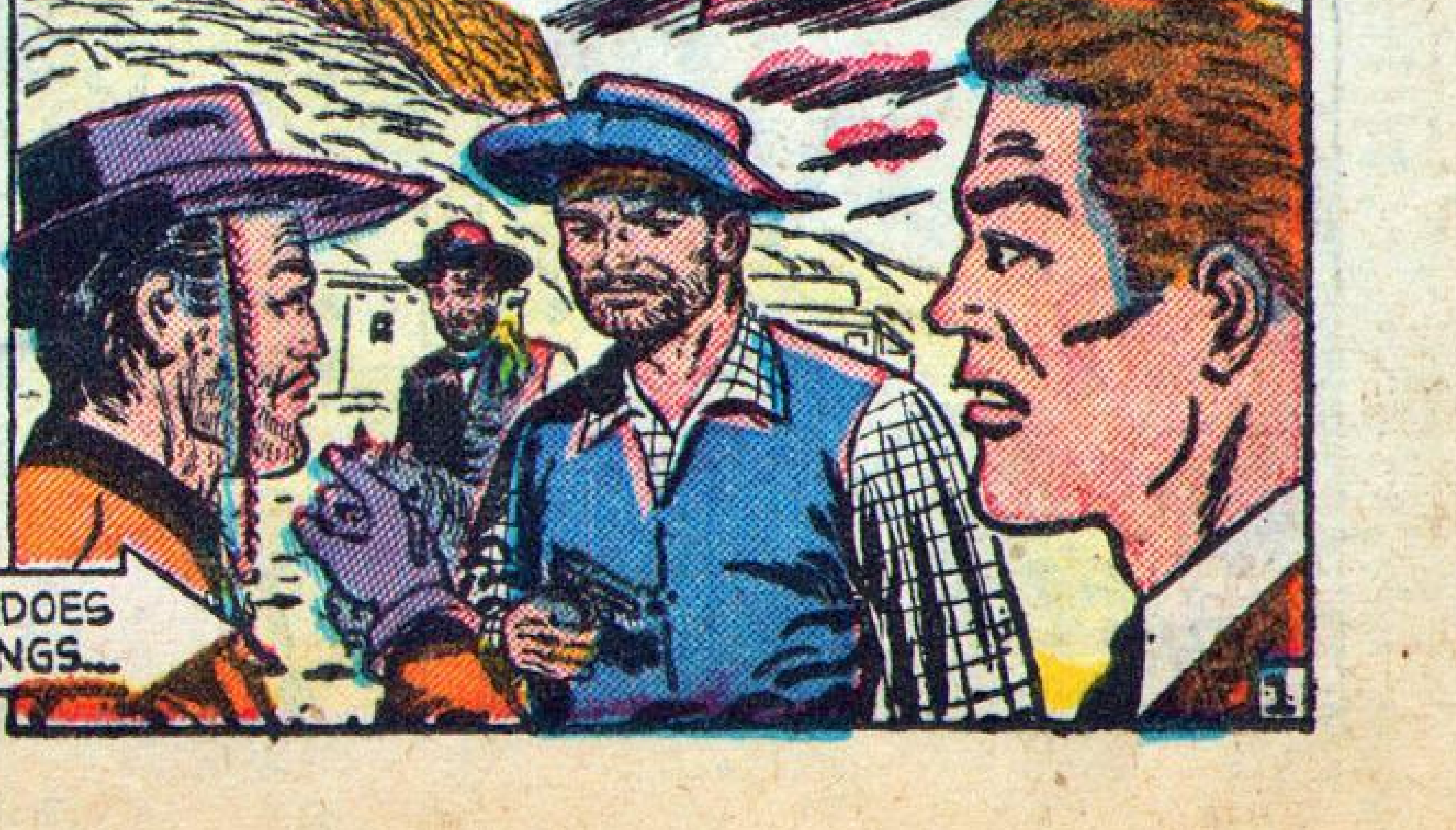
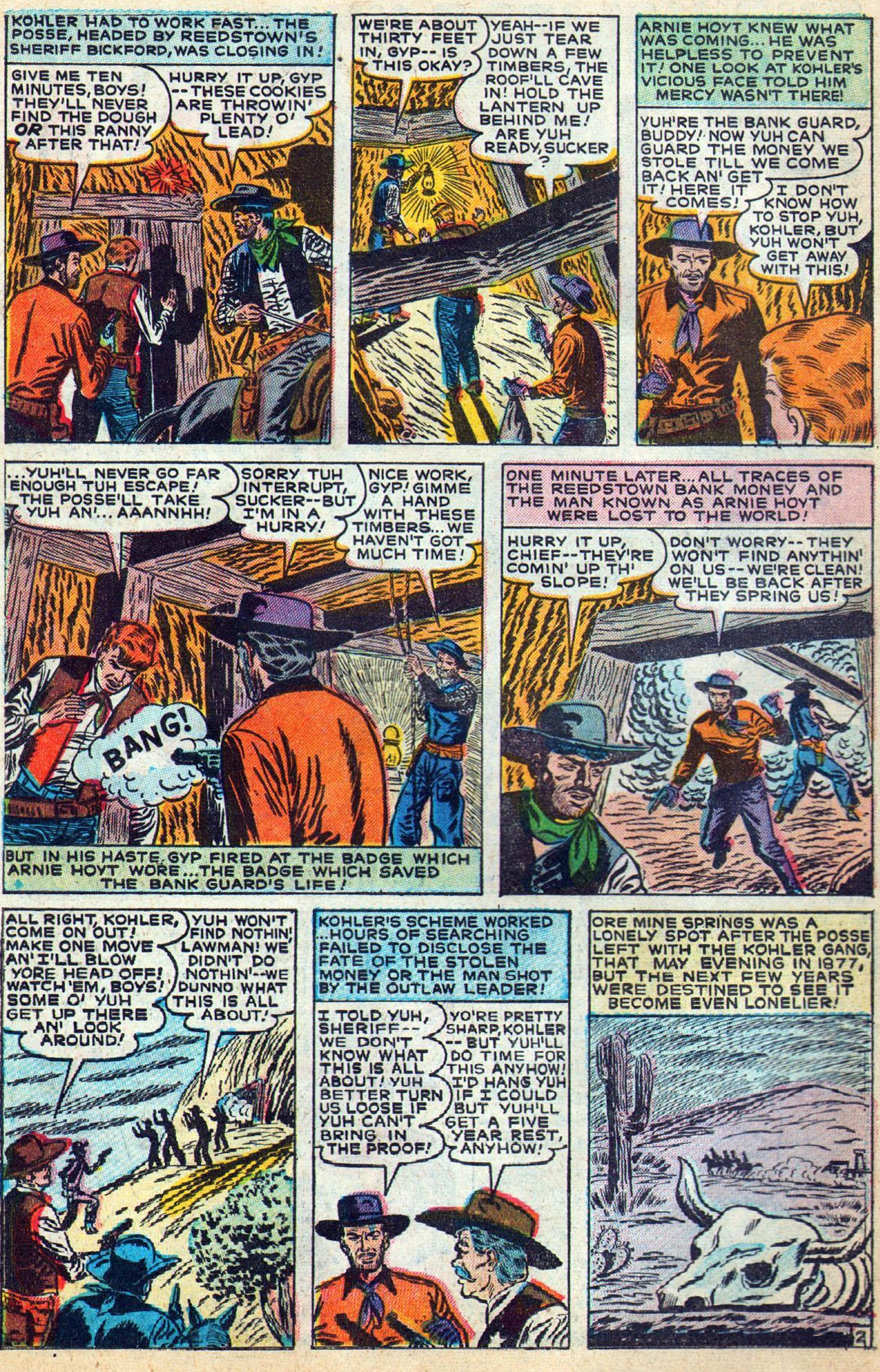
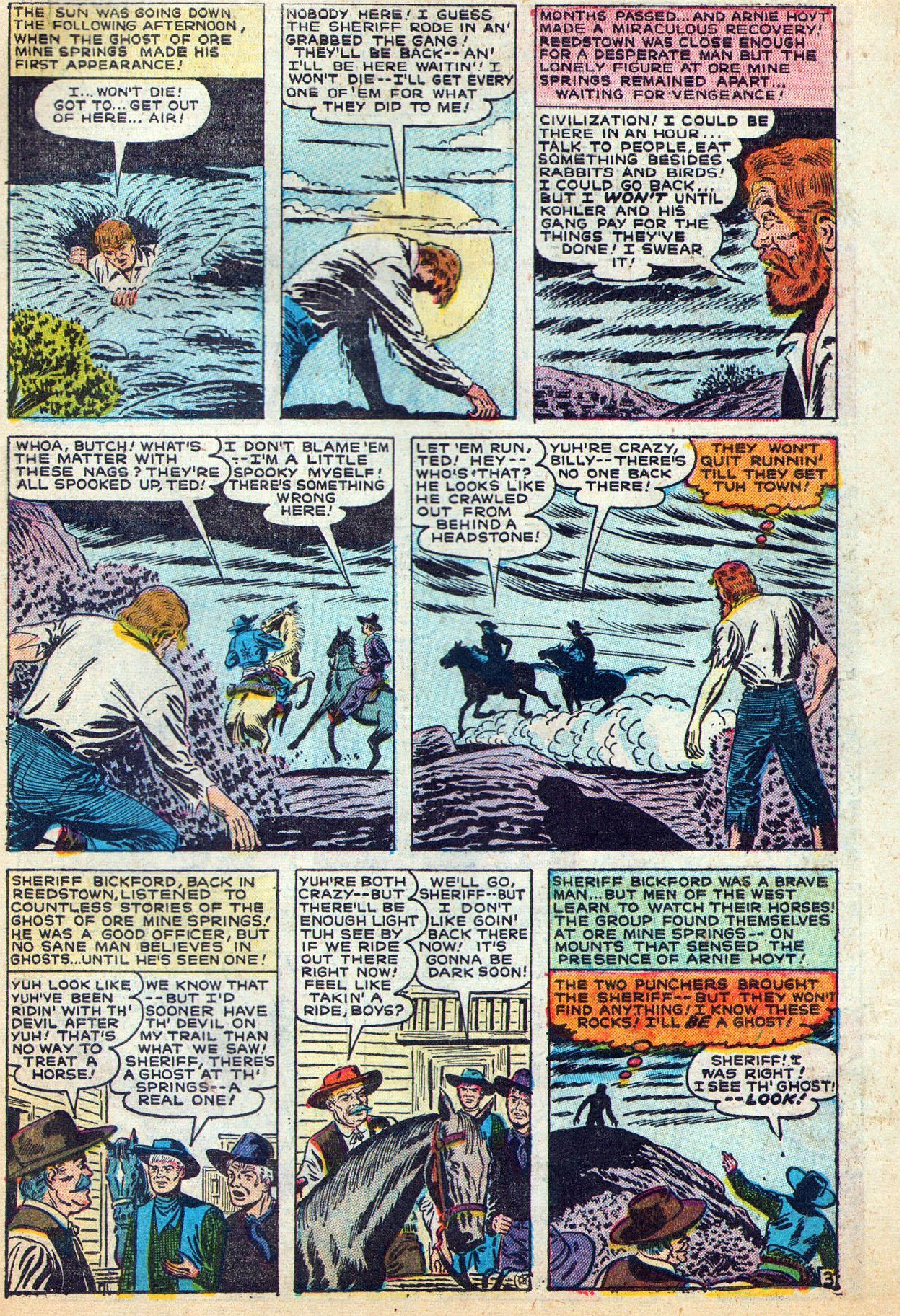

THE KOHLER GANG'S MOUNTS WERE TIRED... ORE MINE SPRINGS, EIGHT MILES EAST OF REEDSTOWN, OFFERED THE ONLY COVER FOR FIFTY MILES!
THEY'RE GETTIN' CLOSE, GYP! WE'LL NEVER GET AWAY! MY HORSE IS STAGGERIN'!
BEAT 'IM TILL HE DROPS! IF WE GET TUH ORE MINE SPRINGS, WE GOT A CHANCE!


TWO OF YUH HOLD 'EM OFF! IF JED AN' I C'N CACHE THE MONEY AN' THE BANK GUARD, THEY WON'T GET SUCH AN EASY CONVICTION!
I GET IT, BOSS! THE BANK GUARD COULD IDENTIFY US POSITIVELY-- THIS WAY WE MIGHT GET OFF WITH A LIGHTER SENTENCE!
IT WON'T WORK, KOHLER -- YUH CAN'T GET AWAY!
FINALLY, THE DESPERADOES REACHED ORE MINE SPRINGS...


KOHLER HAD TO WORK FAST... THE POSSE, HEADED BY REEDSTOWN'S SHERIFF BICKFORD, WAS CLOSING IN!
GIVE ME TEN MINUTES, BOYS! THEY'LL NEVER FIND THE DOUGH *OR* THIS RANNY AFTER THAT!
HURRY IT UP, GYP --THESE COOKIES ARE THROWIN' PLENTY O' LEAD!
WE'RE ABOUT THIRTY FEET IN, GYP-- IS THIS OKAY?
YEAH--IF WE JUST TEAR DOWN A FEW TIMBERS, THE ROOF'LL CAVE IN! HOLD THE LANTERN UP BEHIND ME! ARE YUH READY, SUCKER?
ARNIE HOYT KNEW WHAT WAS COMING... HE WAS HELPLESS TO PREVENT IT! ONE LOOK AT KOHLER'S VICIOUS FACE TOLD HIM MERCY WASN'T THERE!
YUH'RE THE BANK GUARD, BUDDY! NOW YUH CAN GUARD THE MONEY WE STOLE TILL WE COME BACK AN' GET IT! HERE IT COMES!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP YUH, KOHLER, BUT YUH WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
...YUH'LL NEVER GO FAR ENOUGH TUH ESCAPE! THE POSSE'LL TAKE YUH AN'... AAANNHH!
SORRY TUH INTERRUPT, SUCKER--BUT I'M IN A HURRY!
NICE WORK, GYP! GIMME A HAND WITH THESE TIMBERS... WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME!
BANG!
BUT IN HIS HASTE, GYP FIRED AT THE BADGE WHICH ARNIE HOYT WORE... THE BADGE WHICH SAVED THE BANK GUARD'S LIFE!
ONE MINUTE LATER... ALL TRACES OF THE REEDSTOWN BANK MONEY AND THE MAN KNOWN AS ARNIE HOYT WERE LOST TO THE WORLD!
HURRY IT UP, CHIEF--THEY'RE COMIN' UP TH' SLOPE!
DON'T WORRY-- THEY WON'T FIND ANYTHIN' ON US--WE'RE CLEAN! WE'LL BE BACK AFTER THEY SPRING US!
ALL RIGHT, KOHLER, COME ON OUT! MAKE ONE MOVE AN' I'LL BLOW YORE HEAD OFF! WATCH 'EM, BOYS! SOME O' YUH GET UP THERE AN' LOOK AROUND!
YUH WON'T FIND NOTHIN', LAWMAN! WE DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'--WE DUNNO WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
KOHLER'S SCHEME WORKED ...HOURS OF SEARCHING FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE FATE OF THE STOLEN MONEY OR THE MAN SHOT BY THE OUTLAW LEADER!
I TOLD YUH, SHERIFF-- WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! YUH BETTER TURN US LOOSE IF YUH CAN'T BRING IN THE PROOF!
YO'RE PRETTY SHARP, KOHLER -- BUT YUH'LL DO TIME FOR THIS ANYHOW! I'D HANG YUH IF I COULD BUT YUH'LL GET A FIVE YEAR REST, ANYHOW!
ORE MINE SPRINGS WAS A LONELY SPOT AFTER THE POSSE LEFT WITH THE KOHLER GANG, THAT MAY EVENING IN 1877, BUT THE NEXT FEW YEARS WERE DESTINED TO SEE IT BECOME EVEN LONELIER!


THE SUN WAS GOING DOWN THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, WHEN THE GHOST OF ORE MINE SPRINGS MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE!
I... WON'T DIE! GOT TO... GET OUT OF HERE... AIR!
NOBODY HERE! I GUESS THE SHERIFF RODE IN AN' GRABBED THE GANG! THEY'LL BE BACK--AN' I'LL BE HERE WAITIN'! I WON'T DIE--I'LL GET EVERY ONE OF 'EM FOR WHAT THEY DID TO ME!
MONTHS PASSED... AND ARNIE HOYT MADE A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY! REEDSTOWN WAS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR A DESPERATE MAN BUT THE LONELY FIGURE AT ORE MINE SPRINGS REMAINED APART... WAITING FOR VENGEANCE!
CIVILIZATION! I COULD BE THERE IN AN HOUR... TALK TO PEOPLE, EAT SOMETHING BESIDES RABBITS AND BIRDS! I COULD GO BACK... BUT I *WON'T* UNTIL KOHLER AND HIS GANG PAY FOR THE THINGS THEY'VE DONE! I SWEAR IT!
WHOA, BUTCH! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THESE NAGS? THEY'RE ALL SPOOKED UP, TED!
I DON'T BLAME 'EM--I'M A LITTLE SPOOKY MYSELF! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE!
LET 'EM RUN, TED! HEY--WHO'S THAT? HE LOOKS LIKE HE CRAWLED OUT FROM BEHIND A HEADSTONE!
YUH'RE CRAZY, BILLY--THERE'S NO ONE BACK THERE!
THEY WON'T QUIT RUNNIN' TILL THEY GET TUH TOWN!
SHERIFF BICKFORD, BACK IN REEDSTOWN, LISTENED TO COUNTLESS STORIES OF THE GHOST OF ORE MINE SPRINGS! HE WAS A GOOD OFFICER, BUT NO SANE MAN BELIEVES IN GHOSTS...UNTIL HE'S SEEN ONE!
YUH LOOK LIKE YUH'VE BEEN RIDIN' WITH TH' DEVIL AFTER YUH! THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A HORSE!
WE KNOW THAT--BUT I'D SOONER HAVE TH' DEVIL ON MY TRAIL THAN WHAT WE SAW! SHERIFF, THERE'S A GHOST AT TH' SPRINGS--A REAL ONE!
YUH'RE BOTH CRAZY--BUT THERE'LL BE ENOUGH LIGHT TUH SEE BY IF WE RIDE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW! FEEL LIKE TAKIN' A RIDE, BOYS?
WE'LL GO, SHERIFF--BUT I DON'T LIKE GOIN' BACK THERE NOW! IT'S GONNA BE DARK SOON!
SHERIFF BICKFORD WAS A BRAVE MAN... BUT MEN OF THE WEST LEARN TO WATCH THEIR HORSES! THE GROUP FOUND THEMSELVES AT ORE MINE SPRINGS--ON MOUNTS THAT SENSED THE PRESENCE OF ARNIE HOYT!
THE TWO PUNCHERS BROUGHT THE SHERIFF--BUT THEY WON'T FIND ANYTHING! I KNOW THESE ROCKS! I'LL *BE* A GHOST!
SHERIFF! I WAS RIGHT! I SEE TH' GHOST! --*LOOK!*
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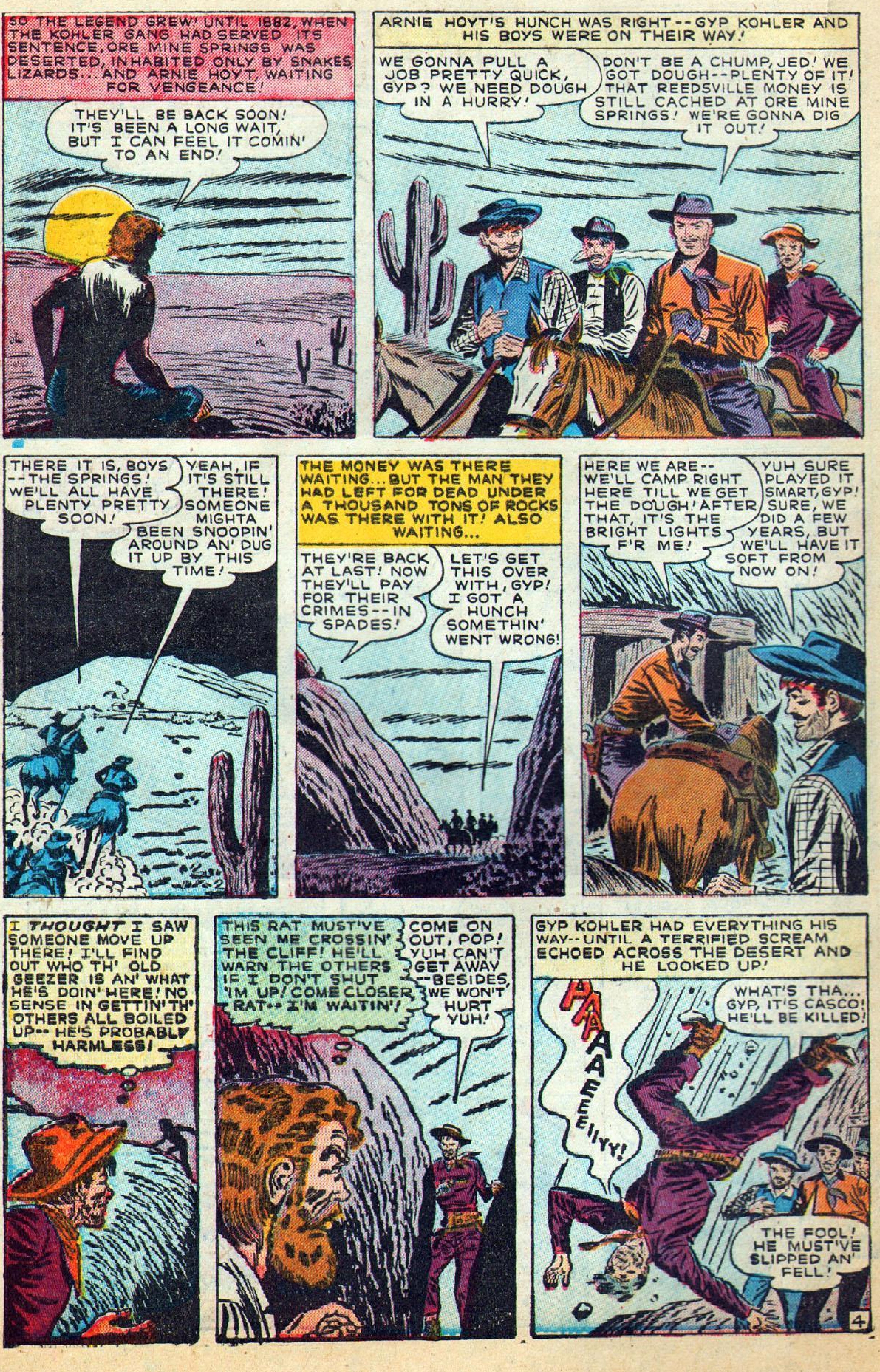
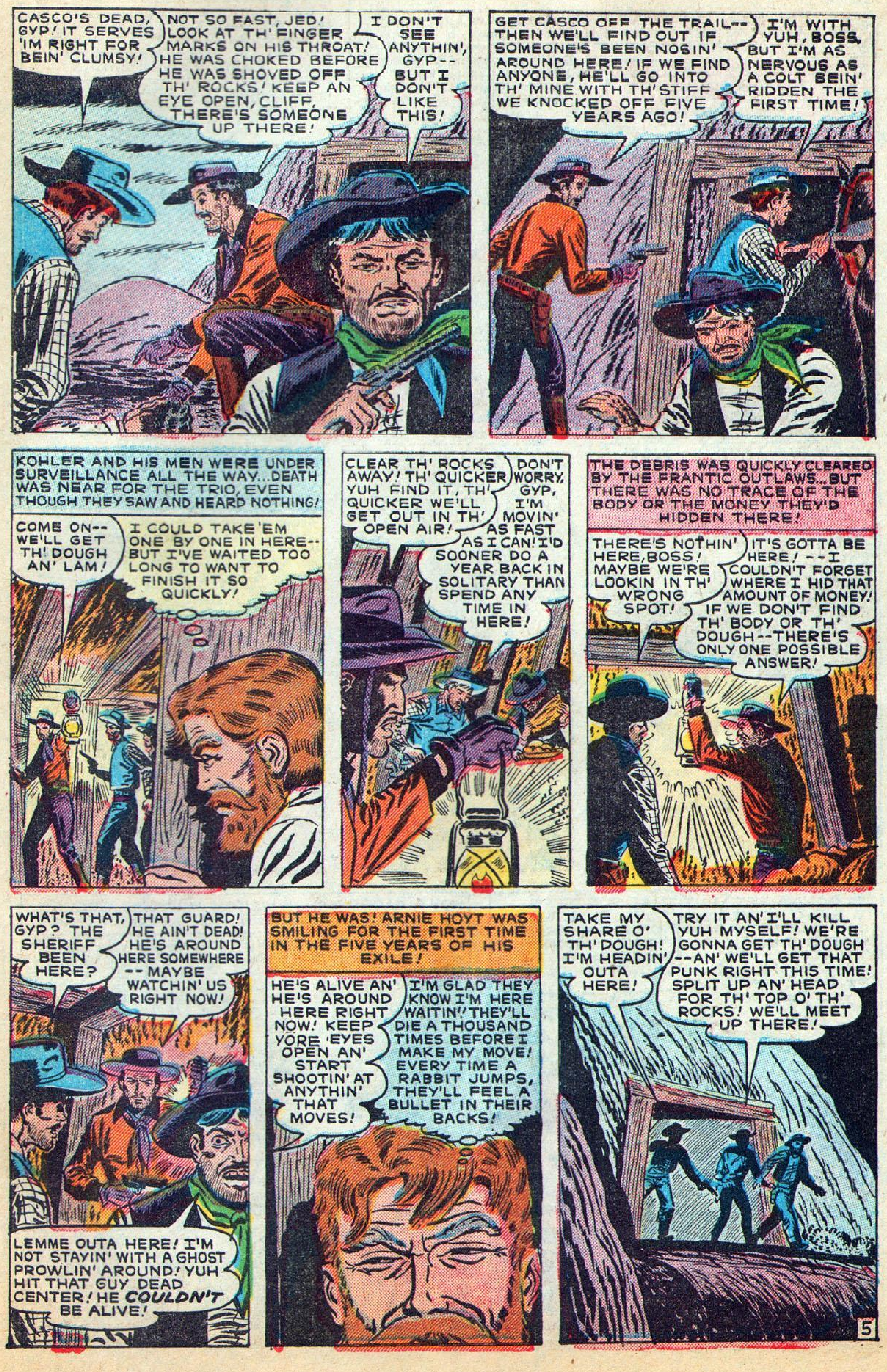
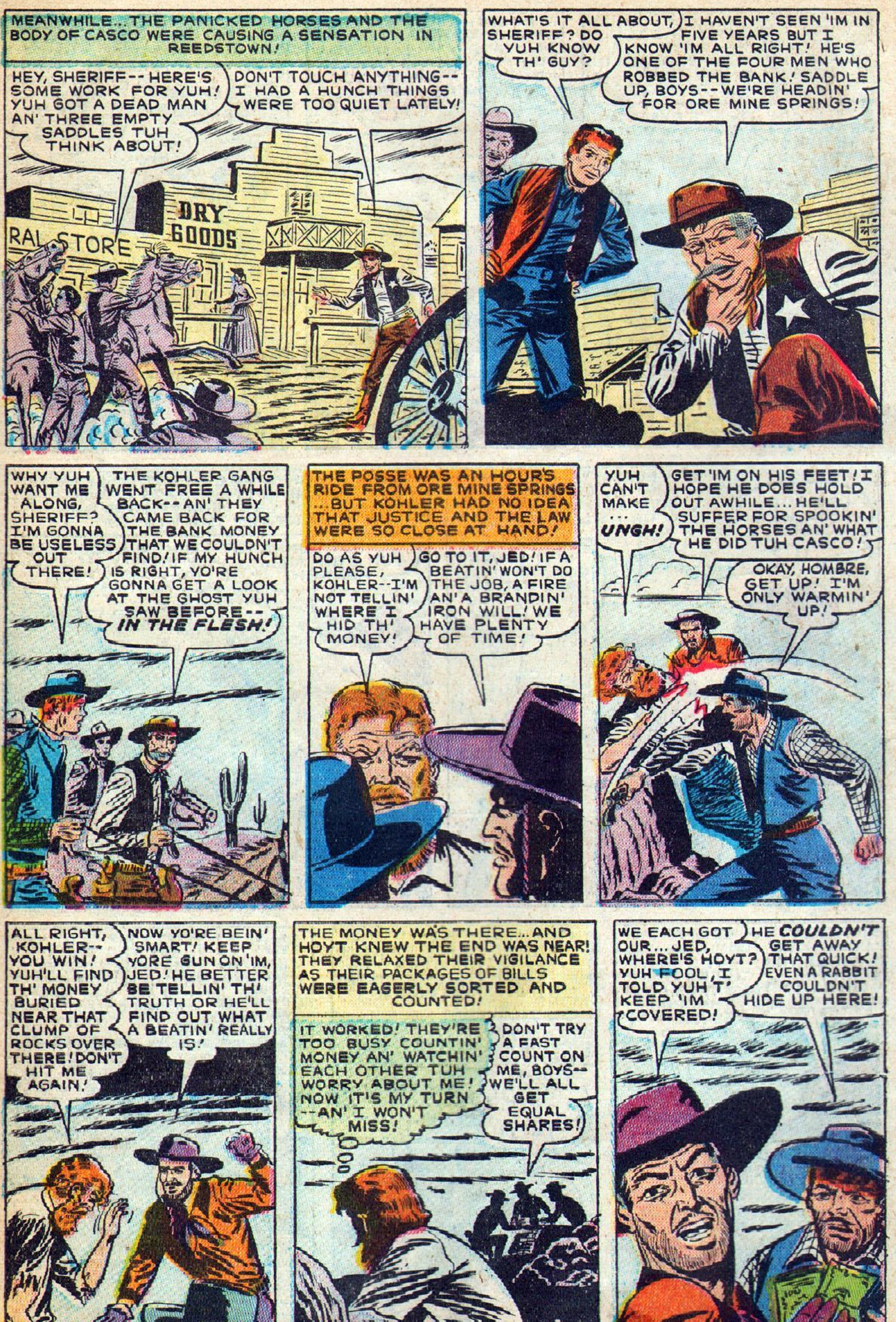

SO THE LEGEND GREW! UNTIL 1882, WHEN THE KOHLER GANG HAD SERVED ITS SENTENCE, ORE MINE SPRINGS WAS DESERTED, INHABITED ONLY BY SNAKES LIZARDS... AND ARNIE HOYT, WAITING FOR VENGEANCE!
THEY'LL BE BACK SOON! IT'S BEEN A LONG WAIT, BUT I CAN FEEL IT COMIN' TO AN END!
ARNIE HOYT'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT--GYP KOHLER AND HIS BOYS WERE ON THEIR WAY!
WE GONNA PULL A JOB PRETTY QUICK, GYP? WE NEED DOUGH IN A HURRY!
DON'T BE A CHUMP, JED! WE GOT DOUGH--PLENTY OF IT! THAT REEDSVILLE MONEY IS STILL CACHED AT ORE MINE SPRINGS! WE'RE GONNA DIG IT OUT!
THERE IT IS, BOYS --THE SPRINGS! WE'LL ALL HAVE PLENTY PRETTY SOON!
YEAH, IF IT'S STILL THERE! SOMEONE MIGHTA BEEN SNOOPIN' AROUND AN' DUG IT UP BY THIS TIME!
THE MONEY WAS THERE WAITING... BUT THE MAN THEY HAD LEFT FOR DEAD UNDER A THOUSAND TONS OF ROCKS WAS THERE WITH IT! ALSO WAITING...
THEY'RE BACK AT LAST! NOW THEY'LL PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES--IN SPADES!
LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH, GYP! I GOT A HUNCH SOMETHIN' WENT WRONG!
HERE WE ARE-- WE'LL CAMP RIGHT HERE TILL WE GET THE DOUGH! AFTER THAT, IT'S THE BRIGHT LIGHTS F'R ME!
YUH SURE PLAYED IT SMART, GYP! SURE, WE DID A FEW YEARS, BUT WE'LL HAVE IT SOFT FROM NOW ON!
I THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE MOVE UP THERE! I'LL FIND OUT WHO TH' OLD GEEZER IS AN' WHAT HE'S DOIN' HERE! NO SENSE IN GETTIN' TH' OTHERS ALL BOILED UP-- HE'S PROBABLY HARMLESS!
THIS RAT MUST'VE SEEN ME CROSSIN' THE CLIFF! HE'LL WARN THE OTHERS IF I DON'T SHUT 'IM UP! COME CLOSER, RAT-- I'M WAITIN'!
COME ON OUT, POP! YUH CAN'T GET AWAY --BESIDES, WE WON'T HURT YUH!
GYP KOHLER HAD EVERYTHING HIS WAY--UNTIL A TERRIFIED SCREAM ECHOED ACROSS THE DESERT AND HE LOOKED UP!
AAAAAEEEIIYY!
WHAT'S THA... GYP, IT'S CASCO! HE'LL BE KILLED!
THE FOOL! HE MUST'VE SLIPPED AN' FELL!


CASCO'S DEAD, GYP! IT SERVES 'IM RIGHT FOR BEIN' CLUMSY!
NOT SO FAST, JED! LOOK AT TH' FINGER MARKS ON HIS THROAT! HE WAS CHOKED BEFORE HE WAS SHOVED OFF TH' ROCKS! KEEP AN EYE OPEN, CLIFF, THERE'S SOMEONE UP THERE!
I DON'T SEE ANYTHIN', GYP-- BUT I DON'T LIKE THIS!
GET CASCO OFF THE TRAIL-- THEN WE'LL FIND OUT IF SOMEONE'S BEEN NOSIN' AROUND HERE! IF WE FIND ANYONE, HE'LL GO INTO TH' MINE WITH TH' STIFF WE KNOCKED OFF FIVE YEARS AGO!
I'M WITH YUH, BOSS, BUT I'M AS NERVOUS AS A COLT BEIN' RIDDEN THE FIRST TIME!
KOHLER AND HIS MEN WERE UNDER SURVEILLANCE ALL THE WAY...DEATH WAS NEAR FOR THE TRIO, EVEN THOUGH THEY SAW AND HEARD NOTHING!
COME ON-- WE'LL GET TH' DOUGH AN' LAM!
I COULD TAKE 'EM ONE BY ONE IN HERE-- BUT I'VE WAITED TOO LONG TO WANT TO FINISH IT SO QUICKLY!
CLEAR TH' ROCKS AWAY! TH' QUICKER YUH FIND IT, TH' QUICKER WE'LL GET OUT IN TH' OPEN AIR!
DON'T WORRY, GYP, I'M MOVIN' AS FAST AS I CAN! I'D SOONER DO A YEAR BACK IN SOLITARY THAN SPEND ANY TIME IN HERE!
THE DEBRIS WAS QUICKLY CLEARED BY THE FRANTIC OUTLAWS...BUT THERE WAS NO TRACE OF THE BODY OR THE MONEY THEY'D HIDDEN THERE!
THERE'S NOTHIN' HERE, BOSS! MAYBE WE'RE LOOKIN IN TH' WRONG SPOT!
IT'S GOTTA BE HERE! --I COULDN'T FORGET WHERE I HID THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY! IF WE DON'T FIND TH' BODY OR TH' DOUGH--THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER!
WHAT'S THAT, GYP? THE SHERIFF BEEN HERE?
THAT GUARD! HE AIN'T DEAD! HE'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE --MAYBE WATCHIN' US RIGHT NOW!
LEMME OUTA HERE! I'M NOT STAYIN' WITH A GHOST PROWLIN' AROUND! YUH HIT THAT GUY DEAD CENTER! HE *COULDN'T* BE ALIVE!
BUT HE WAS! ARNIE HOYT WAS SMILING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE FIVE YEARS OF HIS EXILE!
HE'S ALIVE AN' HE'S AROUND HERE RIGHT NOW! KEEP YORE EYES OPEN AN' START SHOOTIN' AT ANYTHIN' THAT MOVES!
I'M GLAD THEY KNOW I'M HERE WAITIN'! THEY'LL DIE A THOUSAND TIMES BEFORE I MAKE MY MOVE! EVERY TIME A RABBIT JUMPS, THEY'LL FEEL A BULLET IN THEIR BACKS!
TAKE MY SHARE O' TH' DOUGH! I'M HEADIN' OUTA HERE!
TRY IT AN' I'LL KILL YUH MYSELF! WE'RE GONNA GET TH' DOUGH --AN' WE'LL GET THAT PUNK RIGHT THIS TIME! SPLIT UP AN' HEAD FOR TH' TOP O' TH' ROCKS! WE'LL MEET UP THERE!

ARNIE HOYT WATCHED EVERY MOVE THEY MADE... HE KNEW THAT A BOOMING GUN COULD END THE GAME ANY MOMENT!
IT'S ABOUT TIME I QUIT JOKING! I'LL NEED HELP OUT HERE BEFORE THE DAYS OVER AN' I'VE GOT A GOOD IDEA HOW TUH GET IT... IF I'M NOT SPOTTED FIRST!
EASY, BOY--HE CAN'T HURT YUH NOW! I JUST WANT YUH TO CARRY OUR FRIEND HERE INTO REEDSTOWN! WHEN SHERIFF BICKFORD SEES 'IM, HE'LL HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHERE HE CAME FROM, AN' RIDE OUT HERE!
HOYT WAS ONE JUMP AHEAD OF THE KOHLER GANG AFTER THAT... ALL FOUR HORSES BOLTED WHEN THE GHOST OF ORE MINE SPRINGS TURNED THEM LOOSE!
GO TO IT, BOY! I DON'T BLAME YUH F'R BEING SPOOKED UP... I GUESS I'D SCARE ANY SENSIBLE ANIMAL THE WAY I LOOK! GIDDAP!
HEY, GYP! SOMEONE'S TURNED THE HORSES LOOSE! WHAT'LL WE DO NOW?
NOTHIN'--JUST KEEP SEARCHIN' FOR THAT RAT! WE SHOULD'VE MADE SURE OF HIM FIVE YEARS AGO! HE'S HERE SOMEWHERE--AN I'M GONNA FIND 'IM!
WHY WE HEADIN' UP HERE, GYP? IF THAT GUY'S STILL ALIVE LIKE YUH SAY, WHAT MAKES YUH THINK HE'S UP THIS WAY?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY HE COULD GET OUTA THAT MINE--THROUGH THE ROOF, AFTER WE CAVED IT IN! I'M BETTIN' WE FIND 'IM ON TOP, SO SHUT UP AN' SAVE YORE BREATH FOR CLIMBIN'!
ARNIE HOYT WAITED PATIENTLY... HE WAS THROUGH RUNNING FROM THE KOHLER GANG!
JED--I TOLD YUH! THERE HE IS! HE WON'T GET AWAY NOW! DON'T SHOOT, BOYS, I WANT THIS GUY FOR MYSELF!
I'VE BEEN WAITIN' A LONG TIME, KOHLER! DON'T WORRY--I WON'T TRY TUH GET AWAY!
I'M GONNA GET 'IM RIGHT NOW! HEY! WHAT'S TH' MATTER, AIN'T YUH GONNA KNOCK 'IM OFF?
PUT THAT GUN DOWN, YUH FOOL! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM WHEN THE TIME COMES! RIGHT NOW HE'S WORTH MORE ALIVE THAN DEAD!
HOYT FACED THREE VICIOUS KILLERS... SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WOULDN'T SHOOT!
WHAT'RE YUH WAITIN' FOR, GYP? GUN 'IM AN' GET IT OVER WITH!
HE'S NOT THAT STUPID! YUH KNOW ME, KOHLER? YUH KILLED ME ONCE! DO AS HE SAYS--GO AHEAD AN' SHOOT!
I WILL, HOYT--AFTER YUH TELL ME WHERE YUH HID TH' MONEY! MAKE IT EASY ON YORESELF! TALK FAST!


MEANWHILE.. THE PANICKED HORSES AND THE BODY OF CASCO WERE CAUSING A SENSATION IN REEDSTOWN!
HEY, SHERIFF--HERE'S SOME WORK FOR YUH! YUH GOT A DEAD MAN AN' THREE EMPTY SADDLES TUH THINK ABOUT!
DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING--I HAD A HUNCH THINGS WERE TOO QUIET LATELY!
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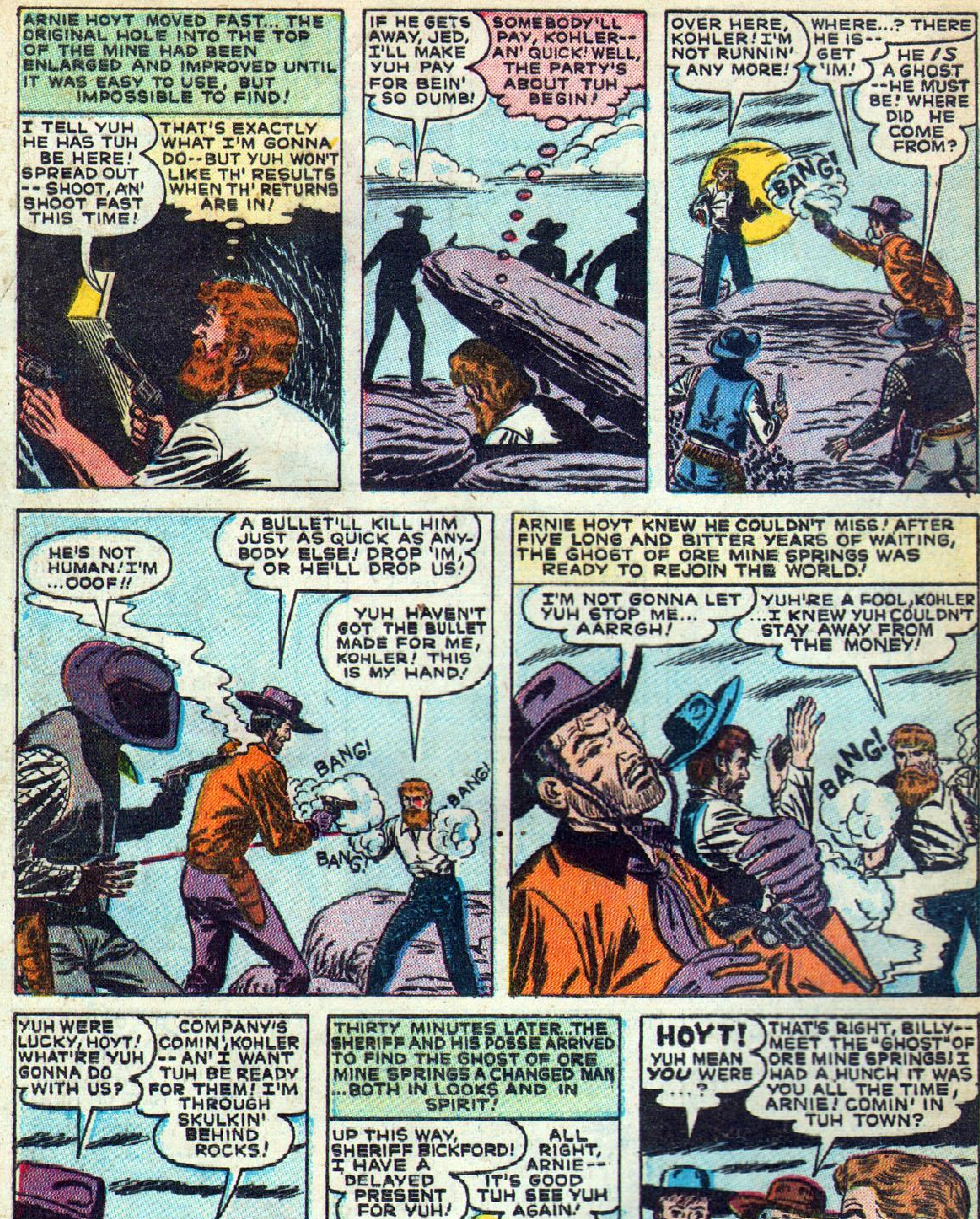
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, SHERIFF? DO YUH KNOW TH' GUY?
I HAVEN'T SEEN 'IM IN FIVE YEARS BUT I KNOW 'IM ALL RIGHT! HE'S ONE OF THE FOUR MEN WHO ROBBED THE BANK! SADDLE UP, BOYS--WE'RE HEADIN' FOR ORE MINE SPRINGS!
WHY YUH WANT ME ALONG, SHERIFF? I'M GONNA BE USELESS OUT THERE!
THE KOHLER GANG WENT FREE A WHILE BACK--AN' THEY CAME BACK FOR THE BANK MONEY THAT WE COULDN'T FIND! IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, YO'RE GONNA GET A LOOK AT THE GHOST YUH SAW BEFORE--*IN THE FLESH!*
THE POSSE WAS AN HOUR'S RIDE FROM ORE MINE SPRINGS ...BUT KOHLER HAD NO IDEA THAT JUSTICE AND THE LAW WERE SO CLOSE AT HAND!
DO AS YUH PLEASE, KOHLER--I'M NOT TELLIN' WHERE I HID TH' MONEY!
GO TO IT, JED! IF A BEATIN' WON'T DO THE JOB, A FIRE AN' A BRANDIN' IRON WILL! WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME!
YUH CAN'T MAKE ... *UNGH!*
GET 'IM ON HIS FEET! I HOPE HE DOES HOLD OUT AWHILE... HE'LL SUFFER FOR SPOOKIN' THE HORSES AN' WHAT HE DID TUH CASCO!
OKAY, HOMBRE, GET UP! I'M ONLY WARMIN' UP!
ALL RIGHT, KOHLER--YOU WIN! YUH'LL FIND TH' MONEY BURIED NEAR THAT CLUMP OF ROCKS OVER THERE! DON'T HIT ME AGAIN!
NOW YO'RE BEIN' SMART! KEEP YORE GUN ON 'IM, JED! HE BETTER BE TELLIN' TH' TRUTH OR HE'LL FIND OUT WHAT A BEATIN' REALLY IS!
THE MONEY WAS THERE...AND HOYT KNEW THE END WAS NEAR! THEY RELAXED THEIR VIGILANCE AS THEIR PACKAGES OF BILLS WERE EAGERLY SORTED AND COUNTED!
IT WORKED! THEY'RE TOO BUSY COUNTIN' MONEY AN' WATCHIN' EACH OTHER TUH WORRY ABOUT ME! NOW IT'S MY TURN --AN' I WON'T MISS!
DON'T TRY A FAST COUNT ON ME, BOYS--WE'LL ALL GET EQUAL SHARES!
WE EACH GOT OUR... JED, WHERE'S HOYT? YUH FOOL, I TOLD YUH 'T' KEEP 'IM COVERED!
HE *COULDN'T* GET AWAY THAT QUICK! EVEN A RABBIT COULDN'T HIDE UP HERE!


ARNIE HOYT MOVED FAST... THE ORIGINAL HOLE INTO THE TOP OF THE MINE HAD BEEN ENLARGED AND IMPROVED UNTIL IT WAS EASY TO USE, BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND!
I TELL YUH HE HAS TUH BE HERE! SPREAD OUT -- SHOOT, AN' SHOOT FAST THIS TIME!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GONNA DO--BUT YUH WON'T LIKE TH' RESULTS WHEN TH' RETURNS ARE IN!
IF HE GETS AWAY, JED, I'LL MAKE YUH PAY FOR BEIN' SO DUMB!
SOMEBODY'LL PAY, KOHLER-- AN' QUICK! WELL, THE PARTY'S ABOUT TUH BEGIN!
OVER HERE, KOHLER! I'M NOT RUNNIN' ANY MORE!
WHERE...? THERE HE IS-- GET 'IM!
HE *IS* A GHOST --HE MUST BE! WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
BANG!
HE'S NOT HUMAN! I'M ...OOOF!!
A BULLET'LL KILL HIM JUST AS QUICK AS ANYBODY ELSE! DROP 'IM, OR HE'LL DROP US!
YUH HAVEN'T GOT THE BULLET MADE FOR ME, KOHLER! THIS IS MY HAND!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
ARNIE HOYT KNEW HE COULDN'T MISS! AFTER FIVE LONG AND BITTER YEARS OF WAITING, THE GHOST OF ORE MINE SPRINGS WAS READY TO REJOIN THE WORLD!
I'M NOT GONNA LET YUH STOP ME... AARRGH!
YUH'RE A FOOL, KOHLER ...I KNEW YUH COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM THE MONEY!
BANG!
YUH WERE LUCKY, HOYT! WHAT'RE YUH GONNA DO WITH US?
COMPANY'S COMIN', KOHLER -- AN' I WANT TUH BE READY FOR THEM! I'M THROUGH SKULKIN' BEHIND ROCKS!
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THIRTY MINUTES LATER...THE SHERIFF AND HIS POSSE ARRIVED TO FIND THE GHOST OF ORE MINE SPRINGS A CHANGED MAN ...BOTH IN LOOKS AND IN SPIRIT!
UP THIS WAY, SHERIFF BICKFORD! I HAVE A DELAYED PRESENT FOR YUH!
ALL RIGHT, ARNIE-- IT'S GOOD TUH SEE YUH AGAIN!
HOYT! YUH MEAN *YOU* WERE ...?
THAT'S RIGHT, BILLY-- MEET THE "GHOST" OF ORE MINE SPRINGS! I HAD A HUNCH IT WAS YOU ALL THE TIME, ARNIE! COMIN' IN TUH TOWN?
I SURE AM, SHERIFF! I'M NEVER GONNA GET MORE THAN FIFTY FEET FROM TOWN AGAIN! I DID WHAT I SAID I WOULD, BUT I SURE GOT TIRED OF MY OWN COMPANY THERE FOR A WHILE!
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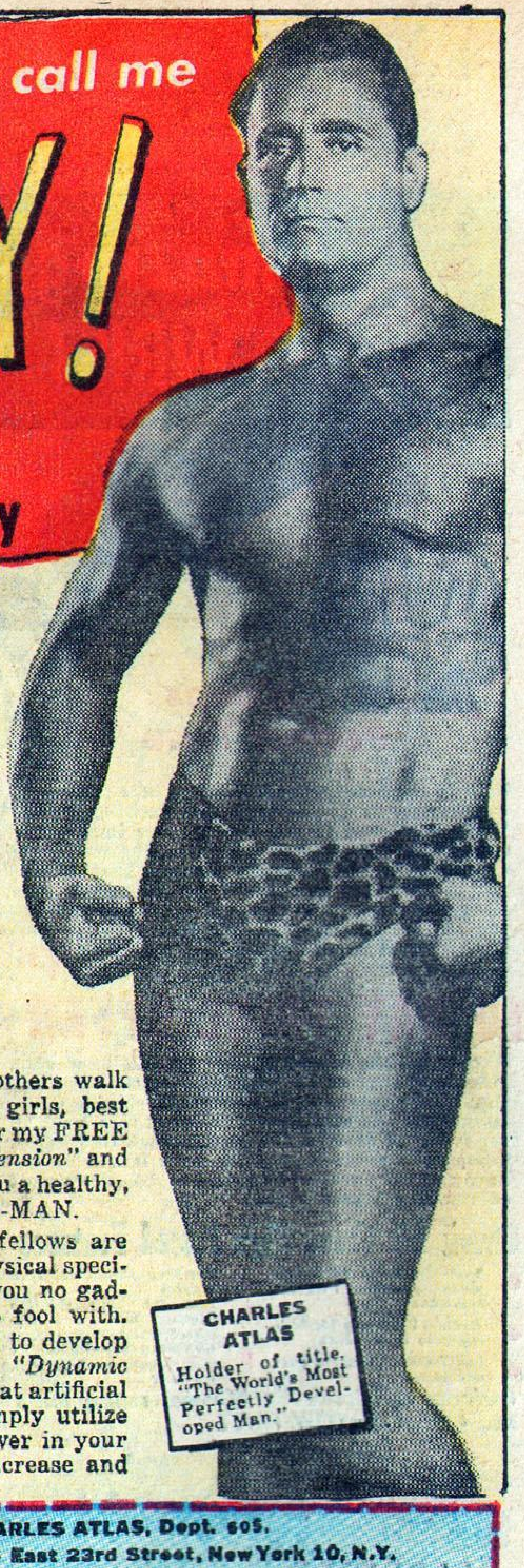

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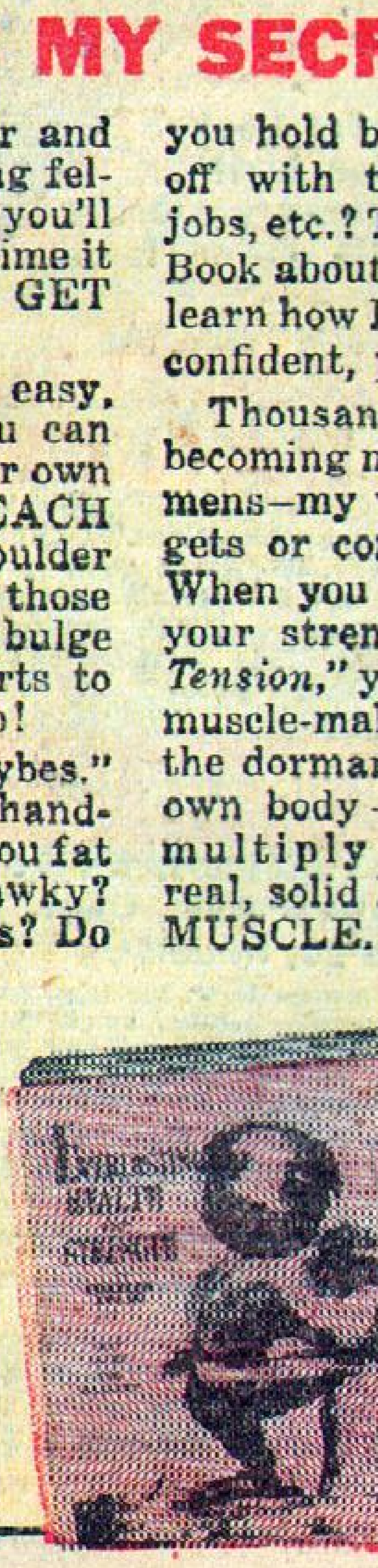

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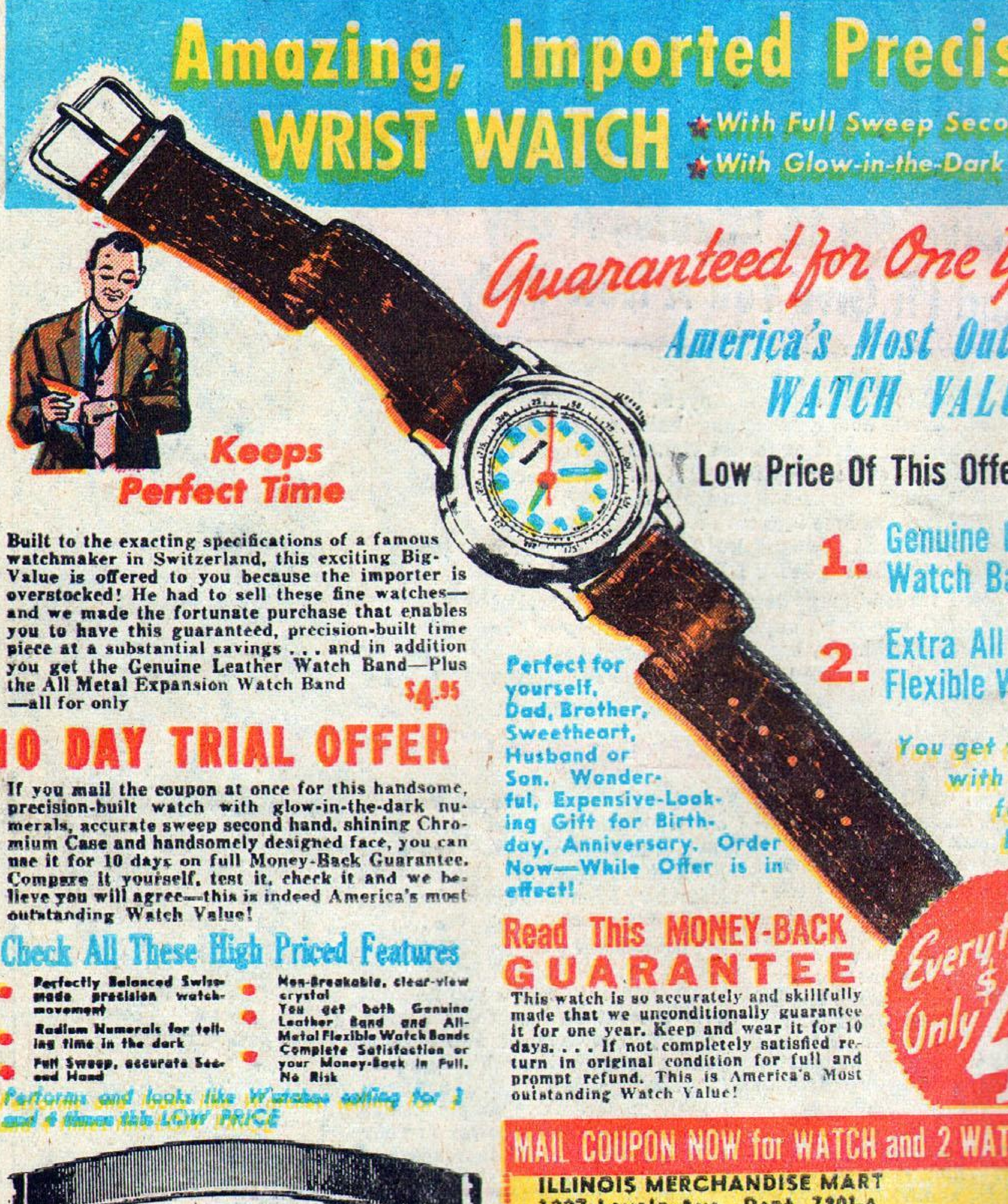

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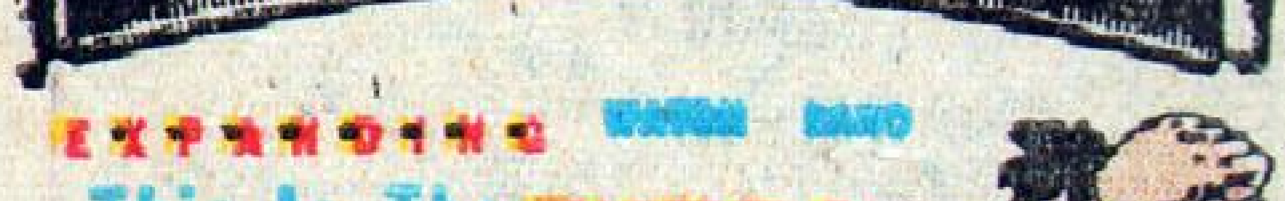

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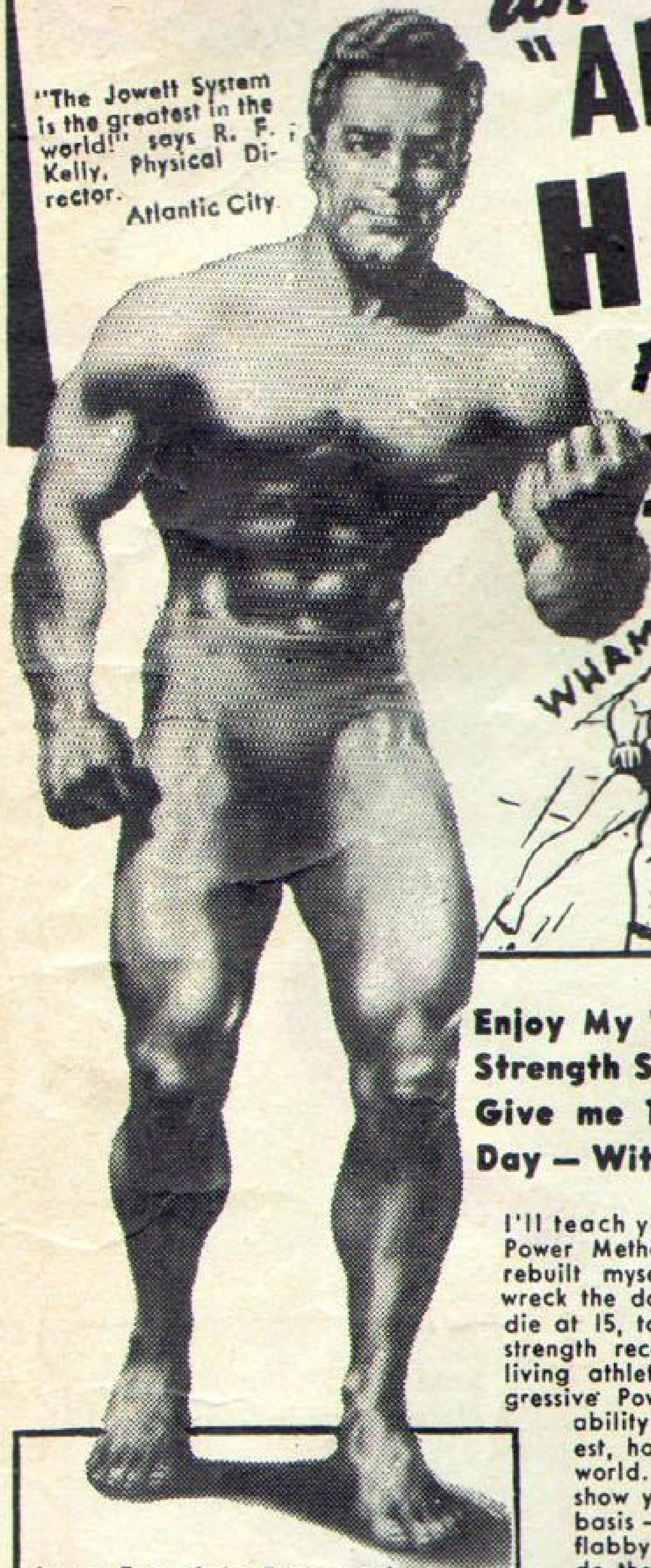

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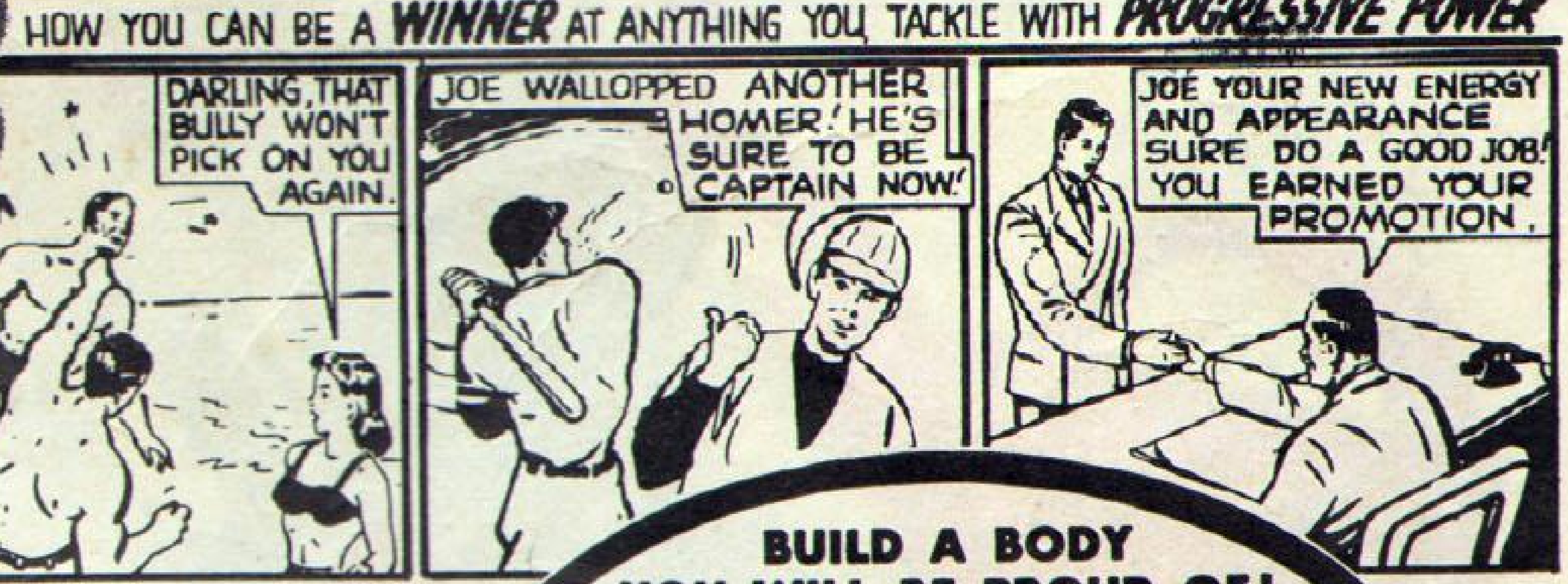
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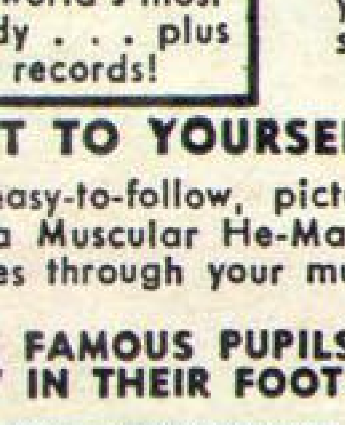

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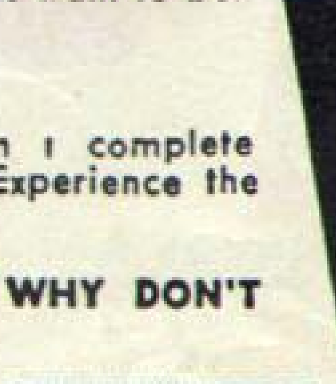

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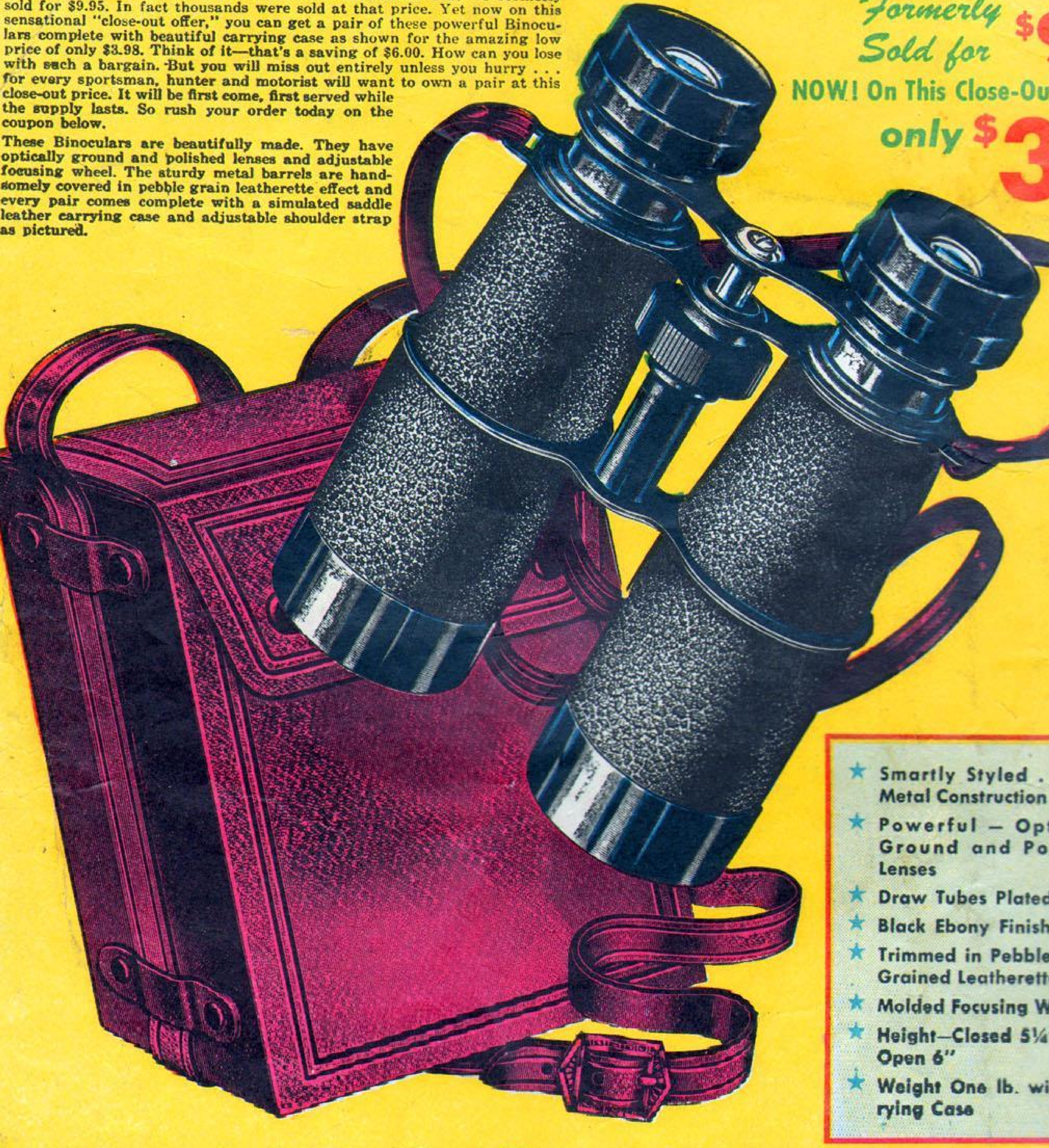

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